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In the final game at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium, the Missouri Southern Lions were victorious over the previously number one ranked Pittsburg State Gorillas.
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BOARD OF REGENTS

College increases tuition for 1999-2000

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

After three months off, the Missouri Southern Board of Regents went back to work last Friday. In the meeting they raised tuition \$2 per credit hour and increased the student activity fee \$5 per semester for 1999-2000.

The Board was following the recommendation of College President Julio Leon.

Leon said the 2.7 percent increase, to \$75.50 per credit hour, nearly matched the percentage Gov. Mel Carnahan recommended for the portion of the budget allocated by the state. By tying the tuition rate increase to the

state appropriation, the College is assured a uniform budget increase.

Leon said the amount is also tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The index represents the prices of a variety of consumer goods. Most institutions, such as Central Missouri State, use the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), which factors only the fluctuations of price in higher education. Leon said the HEPI usually increases more than the CPI.

Last year's tuition increase was 3 percent. "I think we were the lowest tuition in the state, and it was only a matter of time," said Jeff Jamaleldine, junior international business major.

Leon said the increase did not mean the end of Southern's claim to affordability. He noted that in 1988-89 the Board increased fees 18 percent, and 10 years later Southern is still the lowest four-year college in Missouri.

The student activity fee increase benefits the Campus Activities Board (CAB). [See related story, this page.]

"I think for the time constraints they had, they made some good decisions," said student regent Christin Mathis. "They had to set a fee so that the financial aid office could make plans to help students know what costs they should expect for next year."

Regent Jane Wyman was concerned with increasing fees before the final state budget is

finalized, but Leon and Tiede said there was no way to avoid the situation.

Leon said Southern waits later to set rates than most institutions. The University of Missouri-Columbia announced a 3.7 percent increase last fall.

In other business, the Board approved a \$960,000 bid from Joplin Construction & Design Management (JCDM) for the construction of a 250-seat black-box theatre. Tiede said this was the first time the College had contracted with JCDM.

The Board approved the retirements of Dr. Joe Lambert, professor of English; Dr. Duane Eberhardt, professor of business; Gwen Hunt, public information director; Marilyn Jacobs

and Evalina Shippee, associate professors of nursing; Richard Massa, head of the communications department and director of the Institute of International Studies; Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music; Dr. Cameron Pulliam, associate professor of education; Wayne Stebbins and David Tillman, associate professors of biology; and Dr. Jimmy Williams, professor of criminal justice. The resignation of Curt Gilstrap, director of forensics, also was accepted.

Sabbaticals were approved for Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English; Dr. Robert McDermid, assistant professor of psychology; and Dr. Sara Sale, associate professor of history. □



They're in the MONEY!

Regents raise fee, allot money for activities

FALL 1998 Distribution of Activity Fees

Campus Activities Board

\$46,549

*Picnic fee: \$9,310

Crossroads: The Magazine

\$18,080

Student Senate

\$11,637

Total \$76,266

*CAB uses \$9,310 for the homecoming picnic

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Top-notch actors are more likely to be found on Hollywood Squares than the Missouri Southern campus. But with a \$5 increase in the student activity fee, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) is looking to bring stars to Joplin.

The increase, approved by the Board of Regents last Friday, will bring CAB's annual budget to nearly \$100,000 a year.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said prior to the change the \$20 student activity fee revenue was divided between the CAB, the Student Senate, and Crossroads: The Magazine.

Crossroads receives \$5 per semester off the top. The \$15 balance is roughly divided 80 percent to the CAB and 20 percent to the Senate. Within the 80 percent, the CAB budgets 16 percent to the Homecoming and Spring Fling picnics.

CAB will be the sole beneficiary of the fee increase. Tiede said he didn't remember the last time the fee was raised.

"It's been a long time ago," he said. Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, said the last time the fee was raised, in 1986, it was to support Crossroads.

Tiede said the administration decided on the increase after consulting with Carlisle. He said the money went to the CAB instead of the Senate because the administration wants to focus on additional activities for the students.

Carlisle said she recommended the \$5 amount in

hopes of returning the quality of activities to past levels.

"We want to be able to provide what we used to," she said. "When I first got here [in 1985], they were doing two concerts a year."

CAB-sponsored concerts in the 1980s included Rick Springfield, Chicago, Air Supply, Sheena Easton, Cheap Trick, Starship, and Restless Heart.

"I think it is important," said Tiede about campus activities, "more so to retain [students] than to attract."

In the fall semester, the CAB received \$46,549, Crossroads \$18,080, and the Senate \$11,637. Of the CAB's funds, \$9,310 went to picnics.

Figures for this semester are not yet available.

Student Regent Christin Mathis expressed reservations about the fee increase.

"I'm a little concerned that we are just charging extra money to non-traditional students and commuters who will not necessarily be interested in taking part in activities on campus," Mathis said.

"However, this is something CAB will have to deal with in itself. They need to look for diverse activities that will draw people back to the campus at night or in the afternoon, or do more picnics...things that students will enjoy."

Regents expressed concern that there was no accountability for CAB spending. They invited CAB representatives to attend their next meeting.

Mathis also cited the Senate running out of funds

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INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Agreement could lead to exchanges

By ERIN SELLERS
CAMPUS EDITOR

China could be the next extension of Missouri Southern's international mission.

On Tuesday, College President Julio Leon signed agreements with Dr. K.C. You, son-in-law of N.C. Wang, founder of both the Far East College in Taiwan and Far East University in China.

"It is a ceremonial signing of an agreement to explore possibilities," Leon said. "The whole idea is to explore one-to-one exchange either with faculty or with students."

"We want to establish a sister school relationship," You said. "We are looking forward to the exchange of faculties and students and also education pro-

grams and research data."

Far East University is located in Qufu, the birthplace of Confucius.

"There's a lot of cultural heritage in that little town," You said.

He believes Far East University is a place where students and faculty could learn about true Eastern culture. You also thinks Southern is a good place for Chinese to learn about American life.

"This really is the 'heartland' of the United States," You said. "It has very traditional Americans living here."

The eagerness of Southern to discuss an exchange program with You came as a surprise, he said.

"Before I came here, I thought this school is just serving this local area," he said.

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PHYSICAL PLANT

Paper recycling program may end at Southern

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Recycling paper at Missouri Southern may be more of a challenge in the near future. A three-year program in conjunction with Crowder College may be coming to an end.

Crowder would come to Southern and pick up the paper the College had collected in the blue recycling receptacles. The paper was taken to Crowder, where students at the recycling center would recycle it. Now, Southern may have to take the paper to Crowder.

Crowder received a grant in 1995 to help start

its recycling program the following year. The college's grant allowed it to hire a driver to pick up paper from area businesses and Missouri Southern. The grant has now expired, and Crowder College will no longer be picking up

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A FASHION STATEMENT



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Junior management major Danell Watson expresses his school spirit at Saturday's final basketball game at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.



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Southern Theater prepares for weekend productions of *The Magicians Nephew*page 7

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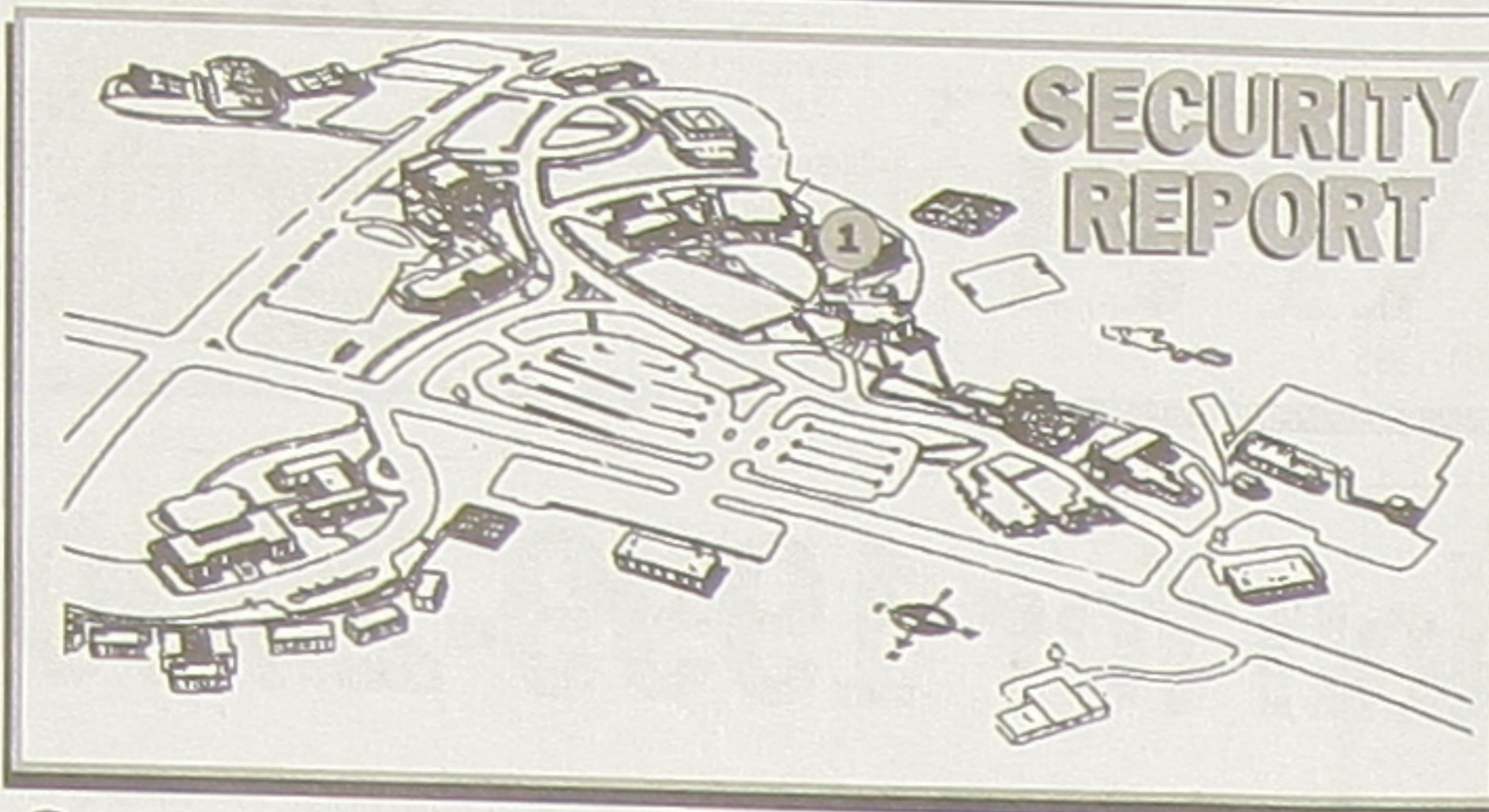
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REPORT

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CAB: Carlisle estimates 30 students attend meetings

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last spring and the minimal student participation in the CAB.

"That is my greatest concern that this extra money will go down in a pit we won't get any benefit from; however, if CAB plans well, we will be able to see some good things out of it," Mathis said.

Tiede said the administration has not discussed increasing Senate funding.

"It does seem from what I read in *The Chart* that most of that money goes to student organizations," he said.

Tiede said he was not aware that CAB members were not elected as senators are.

"I would have no problem if [CAB] were an elective body," he said. "It would seem to make more sense."

"That might be interesting," Carlisle said, adding that "no other colleges do it that way."

Carlisle said on campuses where the student government is separated into two bodies, the

activities group is usually not elected.

"The constitution has been that way for 30 years," she said.

"CAB has never been elected the way Student Senate is."

Carlisle estimates 30 students attend each CAB meeting. Meetings are at noon the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Room 311 of the Billingsly Student Center.

"We have more students who help out than can't make the meetings," she said.

"Nobody is excluded," she said. "I do not see the need for an election. They are not chosen. Anybody who comes to the meetings is a member."

Executives, the chairmen of the seven committees, and the three officers are chosen each spring by an application and interview process with a selection committee.

The seven CAB committees are public relations, concerts/novelty, lectures/fine arts, movies, trips, special events, and dances.

The public relations committee, an effort to increase publicity, is new for this year.

The selection committee consists of outgoing CAB seniors, CAB officers, Carlisle, the assistant coordinator of student activities, and Doug Carnahan, dean of students. □



Val Carlisle
Student activities

JASPER COUNTY DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES

Charity provides luggage

KOAM, KGCS, Salvation Army assist in Jasper County program

By ERIC GRUBER
ARTS EDITOR

Some people dread the thought of packing for a trip, others pray their essentials aren't forgotten, but for some foster children the thought of packing is little to look forward to.

The Jasper County Division of Family Services is trying to make the transition a little more bearable.

Currently, there are 403 foster children in Jasper County. The children are moved from home to home at times until they find a suitable placement.

"Their belongings are put into trash bags, and this often is traumatic for the children," said Angie Swarnes, Family Services social worker.

"They begin to think from perspective that their things are trash."

Due to the increasing need of suitable suitcases, the Division of Family Services contacted the Child Advocacy Council for help in publicizing the luggage drive titled "Kids On The Move."

"The Child Advocacy Council is an agency set up to help families and children who have need," Swarnes said.

"We contacted them to sponsor the luggage drive."

One of the drop sites is the Division of Family Services building, 601 Commercial St., and another is the Salvation Army Thrift Store 510 Kentucky Ave.

Debbie Crossley, Salvation Army store manager, said the program is a good one that is of immediate need.

"I think it is a great program," Crossley said. "We take a lot for granted. People come in here and get the luggage and we hear a lot about the needs."

The luggage is distributed as often as it comes in, due to the great amount of need.

"I don't have any right now, because I've given them all out," she said.

Missouri Southern has also been able to contribute to this Samsonite strong cause.

Judy Stiles, KGCS general manager, has utilized



Judy Stiles
KGCS manager

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"People come in here and get the luggage and we hear a lot about the needs."

Debbie Crossley
Salvation Army

the power of Southern television to help the luggage drive.

"We did a public service announcement for them, and we did an interview with them in December," Stiles said.

"The interview aired on KOAM as well as KGCS here at the College."

Even with all of the help and the publicity, "Kids On The Move" is still in need of more luggage to achieve its goal.

"So far we've received close to 150 pieces of luggage, and we've distributed them as they came in," Swarnes said.

"Our goal is to have a surplus and then only campaign once a year depending on the need."

Anyone interested in donating luggage or needing more information can contact the Division of Family Services at 417-659-3050. □

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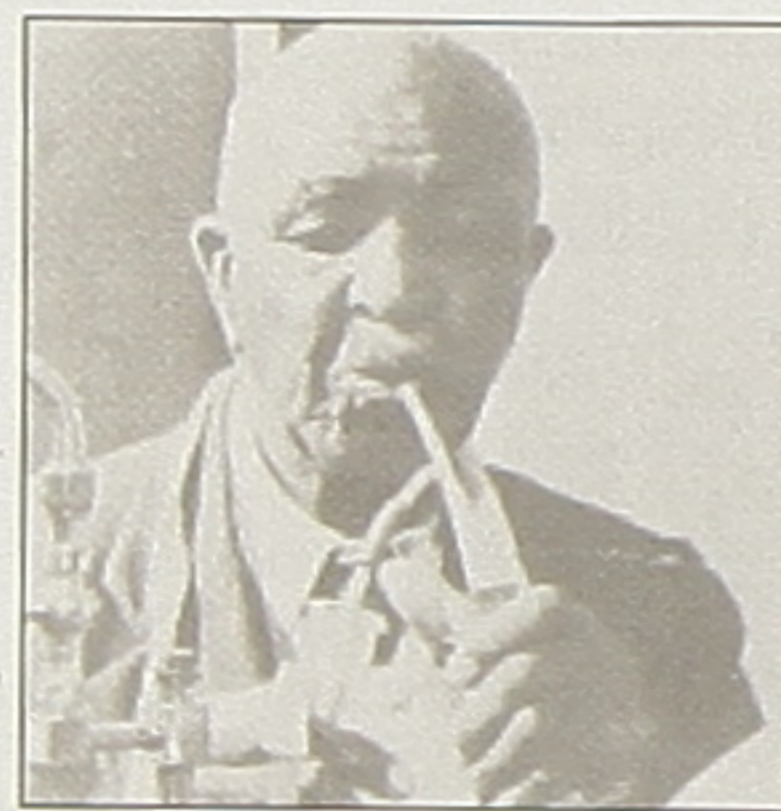
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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Modern technology eliminates long commute

Colleges, Nevada groups join in funding TeleCenter

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Modern technology continues to transform the way higher education is delivered.

A recent agreement between Missouri Southern and the Nevada TeleCenter is bringing a college education closer to people who might have found it difficult to achieve before.

"The Nevada TeleCenter is a group of different constituents," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning. "What it allows us to do is to televise certain programs into the Nevada area. It's going to be two-way interactive TV."

The partnership includes Cottey College, Crowder College, the Nevada Economic Development Commission, the Nevada R-5 School District, Southwest Missouri State University, and the University of Missouri-

Kansas City. The partnership is managed by the University of Missouri Outreach and Extension.

Spurlin said individuals can gain a Missouri Southern degree without having to come to Joplin.

"Our plans right now are to try to make it available for a student to receive a bachelor's of general business or a bachelor's of general study in Nevada," he said. "We're going to televise probably on average two to five classes a semester. Once it builds up a little bit, it will allow somebody in Nevada to complete their last two years of college."

Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education, said the project has been in the works a few years.

"We've been working on this with the Nevada TeleCenter for about a three-year period," he said. "It's not a new idea."

Spurlin said one of the reasons it has taken so long for this to emerge is because of the set-up requirements.

"These distance programs are not easy, because you first of all have to have the tech-

nology, which costs money, then you have to have lines to be able to go to Nevada," he said. "It's not easy to put one of these deals to bed very quickly. We were glad we were finally able to answer all the problems, and then you have to be voted on by the partners to see if they'll let you in."

Spurlin said this type of program will grow at Southern.

"I really believe that distance education will take a more prominent role on this campus as things progress," he said. "Instead of the student coming to us, we're going to see more of us going to the students."

Spurlin said it will probably affect nontraditional students with outside responsibilities more than others.

"There's always going to be those traditional students who want to come to college, and they're going to be here," he said. "But there's going to be a lot of those people out there who are working parents. It's a long drive from Nevada to Joplin, and we'll have someone who works all day long and wants to work on their degree."

Williams said this program will help fill some gaps in education.

"What we're trying to do is meet a need that hasn't been met," he said.

"The use of televised courses makes it possible."

Spurlin said three business classes will be televised the first semester.

"It will be televised interactive video to Nevada," he said. "Interactive means the students will be able to see and hear us and we'll be able to see and hear them. You can actually have a full class discussion with the Nevada students and at the same time interactive to Crowder."

"So we're going to have one instructor teaching to a class at Missouri Southern and sending it to Crowder College and to the Nevada TeleCenter. Both places get the opportunity to take Missouri Southern classes without having to drive."

Spurlin said the instructor will also spend some of the class periods in Nevada and at Crowder College, but most of the time will remain at Southern. □

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT -

Examining scientific frontiers

Secondary school students prepare for History Day

By MARLA HINKLE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

History may not bring images of excitement to mind for some, but the campus of Missouri Southern will be filled with enthusiastic students ready to compete in National History Day on Friday, March 5.

The theme for this year will be "Science, Technology, Invention In History: Impact, Influence, Change." Students from two divisions, grades 6-8 and 9-12, participate in the program.

Preparation for the event begins in September at the beginning of the academic year. Students are encouraged to choose any topic in local, national, or world history and investigate its historical significance. Students can enter one of the following categories: individual paper, individual or group exhibit, individual or group performance (a dramatic portrayal of the topic), and individual or group media (a documentary using either slides, video, or a non-interactive computer program). Groups can consist of two to five students.

The objective for students is to integrate the arts, economics, sciences, and other disciplines into a historical presentation. Researching for an entry enhances reading comprehension, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while fostering pride in each student's heritage and in the United States' history and place in the world. Preparing for the competitions also heightens written, visual, and performance presentation skills.

Southern faculty members Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history, and Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science, have been participating in the National History Day for several years.

"I have made up the questions for the history bowl games for about 10 years now," Yates said. "While the knowledge bowl is not a part of the official National History Day, it certainly adds more excitement to make the students more interested in history."

The most significant achievement for students taking part in National History Day is to acquire more excitement in what is not usually considered a traditionally "exciting" major.

"Students need to get more excited about history, and National History Day gives them a chance to relate to a theme of their choosing," Teverow said. "History is not just about names and dates."

"The number of entries we have received this year has gone up since last year, which is wonderful. Last year we had 180 entries, and this year we have over 260."

According to Teverow, National History Day has been recognized at Southern since 1979. The contest is one of nine in Missouri. The other contests are in Maryville, Hannibal, Kansas City, Jefferson City, St. Louis, Springfield, Rolla, and Cape Girardeau.

Students with winning entries have the opportunity to meet in the statewide contest in Columbia. National History Day is sponsored by The History Channel. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Hungarian movie next in foreign film series

Adoption, an award-winning film from Hungary, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

This is the seventh program in the 37th annual International Film Festival presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

Adoption follows a factory worker's need to have a child even though she is in her 40s and knows her married lover will not get a divorce. The picture has been featured in major film festivals around the world and is the masterwork of Marta Meszaros, the most renowned Eastern European woman director.

Adoption was the winner of the Grand Prix (Golden Bear) at the 1975 Berlin Film Festival and the Gold Plaque at the 1975 Chicago Film Festival.

Single admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students. □

Nominations due today for leaders, award

Nominations for College Orientation leaders and the Spencer Bartlett Respect Award are due today.

Potential College Orientation leaders must have completed at least 45 credit hours (including the current semester), have at least a 2.5 grade-point average, and demonstrate leadership potential. New student leaders who successfully complete the program will receive two credit hours in Psychology 498 Leadership Training. Returning leaders may earn an additional credit hour in Leadership Training.

Completed application materials are due in the counseling services office in Hearnes Hall 114.

Faculty are encouraged to nominate an outstanding graduating senior for the Spencer Bartlett Respect Award. The donor's criteria specifies that the recipients of the award will have the greatest respect for God, the United States, and their fellow man. Seniors must also have been born in the United States and maintain a 2.0 GPA or better.

The four recipients will be recognized at the honors convocation.

Nominations must be turned in to the student services office in Room 211 of the Billingsley Student Center. □

Euro, dollar relationship topic of upcoming forum

How the euro will impact the United States dollar and what it will mean for the American economy and the global economy will be the topic of a forum at Missouri Southern at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 in Webster Hall auditorium.

The program will feature a panel of international experts who will explain the euro's history and how it will impact the United States and the dollar. Panelists will include Dr. Bo Strombom, a former Southern business professor and currently a consultant to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Richard La Near, the J.R. Kuhn Professor of Finance at Southern, will moderate the program. □

Internet commerce workshop scheduled

The Management Development Institute at Missouri Southern is planning a program on "How to Sell Goods and Services on the Internet" from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 18 at the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Management Development Institute also is offering a workshop to discuss how firms can increase business by accepting credit card sales from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 in Room 310 of the Billingsley Student Center. Also that day, the basics of developing World Wide Web pages will be the subject of another workshop.

To register for a workshop, persons should call 625-3128. □

NOW PRESENTING . . .



College President Julio Leon (left) joins Joplin Mayor Earl Carr (right) in issuing a proclamation to the Missouri Southern Chamber Choir. The choir will represent Missouri at the Austrian, Strauss Festival, May 1999 in Vienna, Austria.

MEN'S ATHLETICS

Coach Landrith 'touched a lot of lives'

By RHONDA CLARK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One of the sports legends of Missouri Southern died Feb. 17.

Many alumni and faculty remember Doug Landrith for his years coaching basketball, golf, tennis, and football at Joplin Junior College and then Southern. Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, noted Landrith's greatest accomplishment while at the College.

"He was the cornerstone and founder of the Crossroads of America Golf Tournament," Frazier said. "He touched a lot of lives on campus."

Landrith, 75, died in McAllen, Texas, of a sudden heart condition.

He was described as personable and likable.

"He was very happy and a jovial jokester," Frazier said. "He liked to tell a story, and there was something different everyday."

Head golf coach Larry Clay experienced

Landrith's tutelage on the 1979 golf team. Clay recounted a story that was typical of Landrith's motivational spirit. The team had finished a Friday/Saturday tournament in Emporia, Kan., and was heading to Columbia for the regional tournament on Sunday.

"We were just north of Springfield in the van sleeping when Coach, or Captain as we called him, slammed on the brakes and we all fell into the floor," Clay said. "We didn't know what was going on — if we had had a wreck or what."

As Landrith shifted into reverse and then again abruptly stopped, he reached out and picked up a turtle from the road. Clay said Landrith stated the team needed a mascot. The turtle became the official mascot for

the regional tournament, which the team won, and then it was on to Greensboro, N.C.

"We took that turtle on the airplane with us and turned him loose when we got there," Clay said.

Landrith was known for inspiring his team members to succeed, and though Clay said Landrith was "not very good" at golf, the important thing was that he was a successful coach.

"He was a great person, and Doug and I stayed in touch after he left the College," Clay said. "He's the type of person who was your friend for life."

Landrith, who began coaching at Joplin Junior College in 1958, retired from Southern in 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Twylea Benshoter Landrith; three sons, Joseph Landrith of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; Jeffrey Landrith of Joplin, and James Landrith of Carthage; his brother, Hurshell Landrith of Boca Raton, Fla.; and five grandchildren. □



Doug Landrith
Former golf coach

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Colleagues recall secretary's style, humor

By RHONDA CLARK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Feb. 15 saw the passing of a mainstay of the Missouri Southern campus from 1964 to 1988.

Alumni, faculty, and staff will remember Mary Alice Brown Johnson, 70, as the friendly face during that time in her role as secretary in the registrar's office. Carolyn Billingsley, secretary to the president and close friend, remembers Johnson.

"We both started as secretaries at the old junior college," she said. "She (Johnson) began in the registrar's office and stayed there. She was well known by instructors, then and now."

Billingsley described Johnson as a quiet person, but very amicable and caring. She said Johnson was also known for her wardrobe.

"She was one of the best dressed, if not the best dressed, women on campus," Billingsley said.

The two were close friends and met for lunch

every day. The pair was often pressed for time when returning to work.

On a particular day after lunch at the Minute Man, a once popular establishment with the Southern crowd, Johnson rear-ended a vehicle in the parking lot waiting for Range Line traffic to clear.

"Both she and the driver of the wounded vehicle got out of their cars, and Mary said to him, 'Why did you back into me?'" Billingsley recounted. "I couldn't believe my ears. When she got back into the car after convincing the man it was his fault, I said, 'But Mary, you ran into him.' She laughed and replied, 'Well I couldn't let him think it was my fault.'"

Johnson interacted well with the students as an advocate.



Mary Johnson
Former secretary

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

New direction with new funds

An awesome responsibility comes with the power to dictate how large sums of public money are spent. Missouri Southern's experiment in direct democracy, the Campus Activities Board (CAB), is not being governed as efficiently as possible. Perhaps a slight alteration to a republican form of government is necessary.

The Board of Regents last week approved a proposal raising student activity fees \$5 a semester. The CAB will be the sole beneficiary of an extra \$50,000 or so a year.

The CAB, unlike the Student Senate, is not comprised of elected student representatives. However, the CAB already controls more than four times the amount of money as the Senate.

The CAB's mandate is to provide educational and entertainment-oriented programs for the Southern community. College President Julio Leon said the additional funds were necessary for the CAB to provide more weekend entertainment and big-name performers.

Membership in the CAB is voluntary, and officers are chosen by a selection committee involving few students. Theoretically, any student has the opportunity to participate in the CAB, but few seize the chance.

Furthermore, no accountability exists for students or others to evaluate the CAB's performance. Representatives and officers of the Senate, another organization funded exclusively by activity fees, are put to a vote of the student body every year.

Regents may not have realized this fact when they voted to increase the CAB's budget. Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, admirably admitted he did not know CAB members were not elected.

Tiede made a suggestion that *The Chart* endorses: The officers of the CAB should be put to a vote of the student body each year.

There are compelling arguments for installing the CAB's leaders by election.

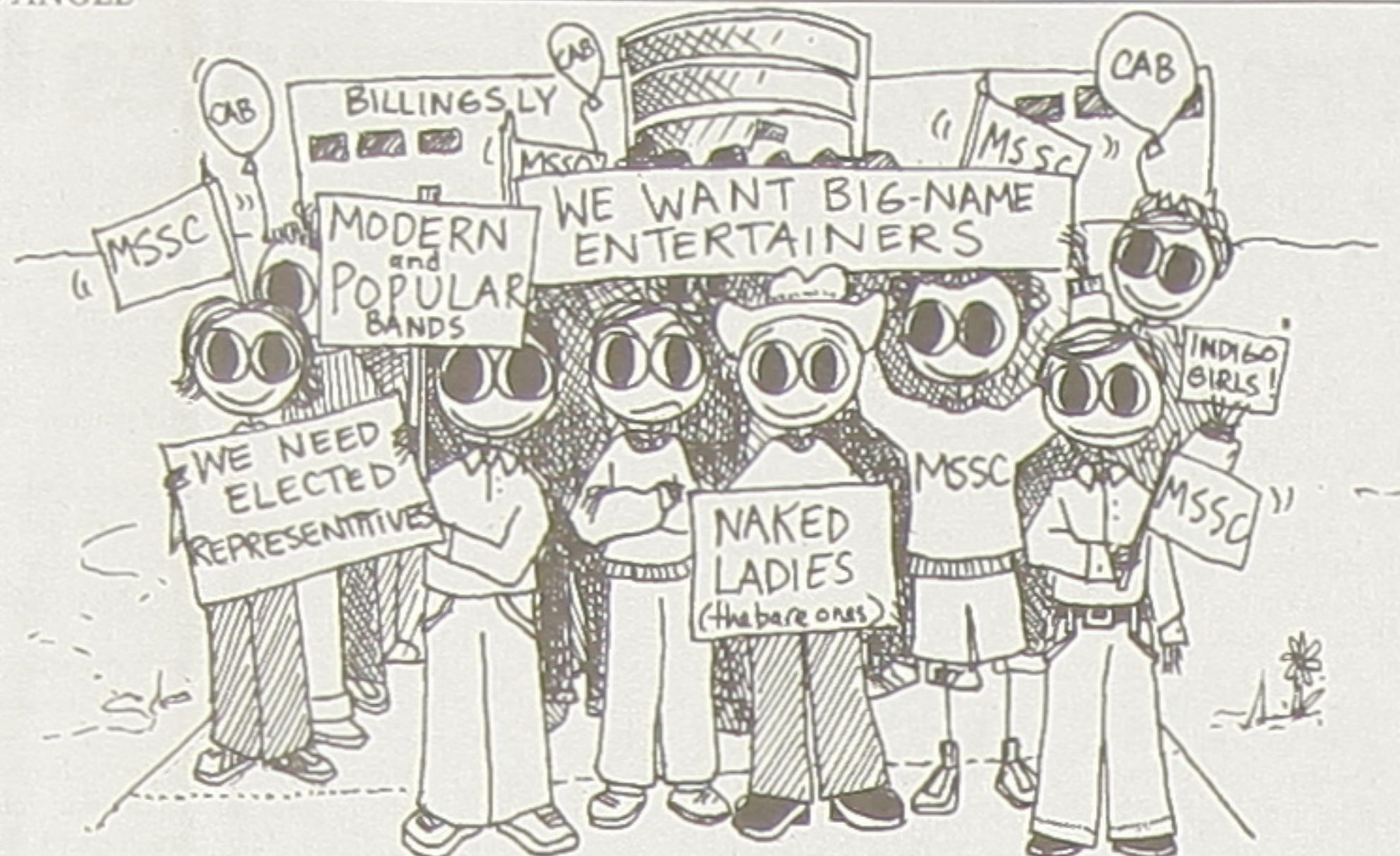
Accountability is one factor. If students do not like the direction the CAB is going in, they can replace the leaders.

Also, contested elections for CAB leaders would boost the prestige of the offices and increase the notoriety of the victor.

Students recognize Senate President Jesse DeGonia after his "smiley-face" campaign last year, but you will be hard pressed to find a student who can pick the CAB president from a line-up.

Active campaigns would serve to remind students each year of the importance of the CAB. Current CAB officers should not take this suggestion as an affront to their performance. However, they should recognize that with added funds comes added responsibility. □

ANDREA'S ANGLE



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Society fixates on perfection of self image

Living in a society that constantly bombards people (women in particular) with images of perfection, it is no surprise that a person with a somewhat healthy image of self feels lacking in one way or another. As society becomes more technologically advanced, so do the expectations of consumers alerted to the progress of modern plastic surgery.

One cannot avoid reading about ways to "fix" herself. All women's fashion magazines do some type of feature on plastic surgery in every issue, as well as most major newspapers, which include advertisements and health columns featuring the local plastic surgeon in the area that offers everything from liposuction to microdermabrasion.

While I am not opposed to a person trying to improve something that embarrasses her, such as scars from accidents, the idea that liposuction is needed to remove saddlebags that exercise would remedy is preposterous. America is obsessed with image. So-called celebrity role

models are one of the main opponents to a healthy image. One of the latest examples of weight as an issue is the new allegations that Calista Flockhart, a.k.a. Ally McBeal, is anorexic. Flockhart certainly is thin, but isn't that the goal of most young women today?

Even when the goal of thinness is reached, nasty headlines indicating dieting torture and anorexia alerts run amok. A few years ago, Kate Moss was charged with starting a trend of young girls trying to emulate her look from Calvin Klein ads, thus triggering even more anorexic cases. When will people realize that some people are just naturally thin? Just as offensive as being called fat, being taunted for a natural body weight that may be under a "normal" body weight is just as damaging.

On the other side of the weight spectrum, numerous women in the public eye have been the subject of many a catty commentary. In a recent article in *Self* magazine, Cindy Crawford, supermodel extraordinaire and star of her own fitness videos, lashed out at actress Jennifer Lopez for her physique. In the process of discussing her own body, Crawford chose to discuss Lopez's derriere.

"I see women with really curvy bodies, like Jennifer Lopez, and it's sexy, right? But I don't

know if I would have the guts to walk around with that butt. My trainer also works with Jennifer, and she was telling me that Jennifer loves her butt. I think it's great that she feels that way. I have to get my inspiration from other people, like Jennifer Lopez. Is it cultural, or what was she given in self-confidence that I wasn't?"

Good question, Cindy. Perhaps a healthy sense of self that comes with being content and a less vain approach to what is considered beauty by society as well as your standards. It is sad when someone as revered in the circles of beauty as Crawford believes she has to put down one of her peers to feel better about herself. Maybe this is the whole problem with society that gives media such a copious influence and feeds the competition among not only women in the media, but women everywhere.

This constant goal of perfection and lusting after something one does not have — curves, large breasts, defined abs, toned thighs, whatever — has to cease. To be realistic, at some point any person who has desires and goals will also turn her determination toward the insurmountable task of getting her body in order along with life. This is fine if it includes the desire to be healthy and fit, but not perfect. □



Marla Hinkle
City News Editor

IN PERSPECTIVE

Board member fosters connection to campus

Periodically the names of the Regents on the Missouri Southern State College Board appear in the local newspaper and in *The Chart* for various reasons. The Board meets monthly, and that meeting is televised. Beyond that small bit of exposure, I am not sure that the College community is aware of the Board of Regents and their role with the College.

The statutory duties of the Board can be found in Section 174.120 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. The College is under the "general control and management of its Board of Regents, and the Board possesses full power and authority all needful rules and regulations for the guidance and supervision of the conduct

of all students while enrolled as such; to enforce obedience to the rules; to invest the faculty with the power to suspend, or expel any student for a disobedience to the rules, or for any contumacy, insubordination, dishonesty, drunkenness, or immoral conduct; to appoint and dismiss all officers and teachers; to direct the course of instruction; to designate the textbooks to be used; to direct what reports shall be made; to appoint a treasurer for such college, and determine the amount of his bond, which shall be in amount not less than \$10,000; and to have the entire management of the college, including qualifications for admission." That definition is quite broad.

The Board of Regents at Southern consists of six members appointed by the governor and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board also includes a student representative who is appointed by the governor. The present Board has adopted an informal policy of overall management, as opposed to micromanagement

of daily campus occurrences. The Board routinely reviews and approves the College budget, as well as changes in course offerings and personnel. All of the above duties and powers of the Board are rather formal and detached from the students and faculty at the school.

Each individual member has his or her own relationship with the College. As a graduate of Southern, the institution holds special significance for me. Three of my siblings attended Southern, and my daughter is presently a student here. I hope that the College will continue to serve the local students as well as those from other areas in continuing to deliver a quality education at a reasonable price.

How are we doing? I would welcome any feedback from any student, faculty, or community member in answer to that question. I try to spend some time each month on campus when I am not in a Board meeting, but I would welcome more contact with the individuals whom we serve and employ. □



Jane B. Wyman
Board of Regents

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via e-mail. Our e-mail address: Chart@mailmssc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Massa's presence will be sorely missed

My earliest dealings as a freshman with Richard Massa, head of the communications department and master of my fate for years to come, were nerve-racking affairs — dominated emotionally by my curiosity concerning this mystery man convoluted somehow by the undying need for his approval.

In the halls of Webster that year, the name Massa seemed to have a mystique about it that seniors who had taken his class could toss about knowingly, while the newcomers could only guess at.

It became clear as day to me then, as it remains so now, that the man had left more than his impression on the communications

department. He had bestowed his legacy.

The stories of how he would pound on chalk boards and yell became the fodder of legend and a staple of a student's journey to graduation. I was unfortunate in that I never took the class he taught.

But I was lucky enough to draw Mr. Massa's attention on several occasions through my participation on *The Chart*.

A student truly interested in learning will identify whom he or she can best learn from, not only in the classroom, but in the halls, the home, and the workplace.

For three years, I looked at Webster as all of these.

And I looked at Mr. Massa as such a teacher.

He was both the demanding taskmaster and the supportive father figure. He played both roles with a flair.

"Nobody's going to miss my presence. The slack will be taken up very easily," he said last week in *The Chart*.

I know I speak for many when I say Richard Massa's presence will be sorely missed.

And no one will fill the void his departure creates.

Aaron Deslatte
Junior
Mass communications major

ASA brings sisterhood

What does Alpha Sigma Alpha have to offer you? There are many benefits to joining ASA. I don't even know where to start!

ASA gives you a sense of belonging and sisterhood. You always have unconditional support from your sisters and advice anytime you need it. It is a family of your own and involvement in campus and off-campus activities, such as the various charities that we help.

You can get involved with other organizations and at the same time build up your resume. ASA teaches

you communication skills, and as an officer it allows you to be a leader and make a difference for your sisters.

ASA allows you to foster deep friendships that last for a lifetime. Come and be a part of ASA and see for yourself all that ASA has to offer.

If you have any questions about joining or learning more about ASA, feel free to call me at 782-3641.

Shawna French
Senior
Psychology major



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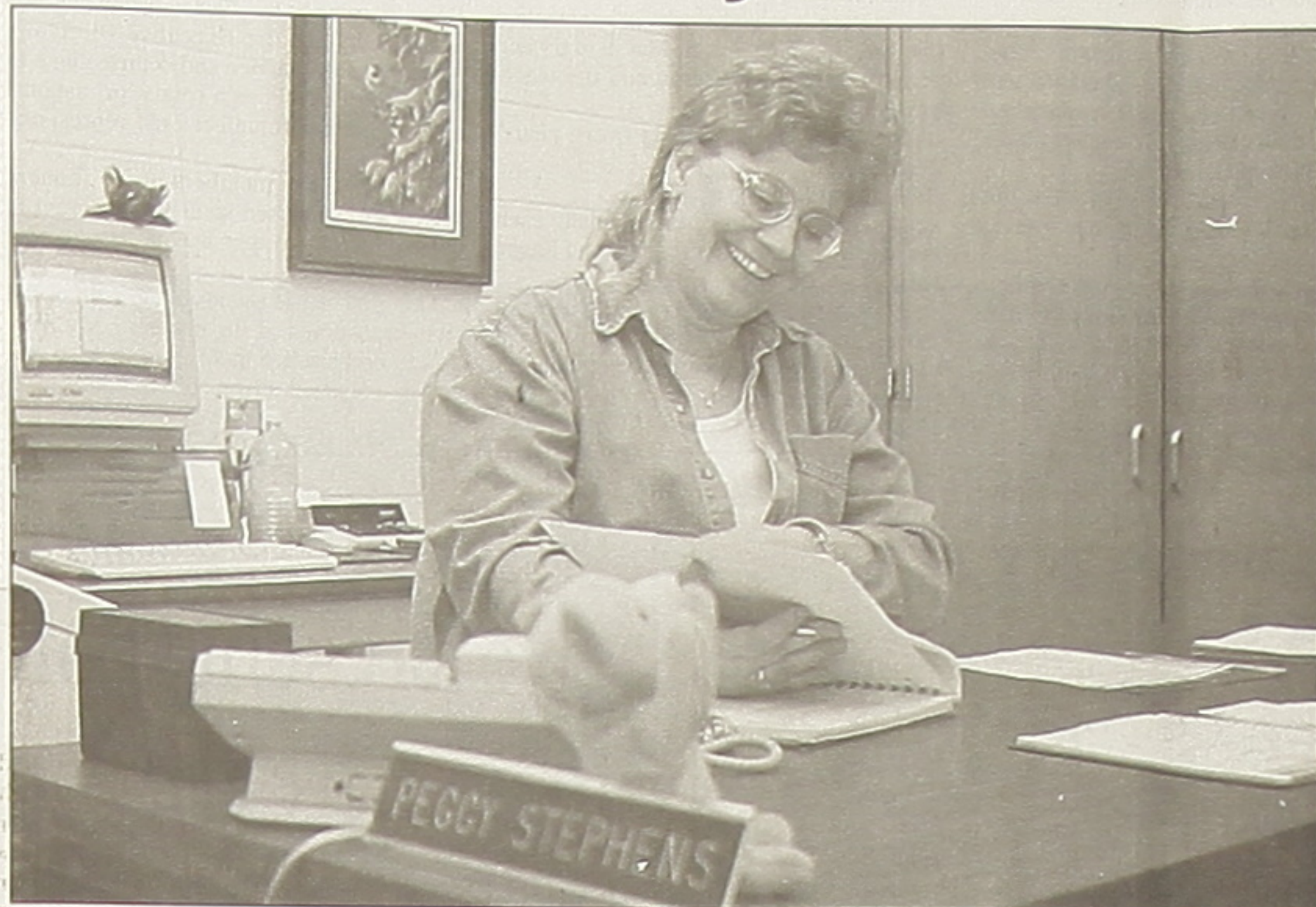
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COMPUTER INFORMATION

Campus secretary combines employment with studies



Peggy Stephens, secretary for the computer information science center, juggles responsibilities as a staff member at Missouri Southern while attending classes to realize an associate's in networking degree.

JEFF WELLS/The Chart

By GERALD SOMMER
CHART REPORTER

Saying "On campus, you can only see Peggy Stephens at her desk" is like playing an honest game of golf with her husband.

Not only can one see Stephens as the "dual secretary" of the computer information science/computer center, but also as a classmate. This is her second semester back in college.

"I was taking classes as a CADD major, then I fell in love and moved," she said.

Stephens said this wasn't a hard decision.

"I was swept, it was a done deal," she said.

This time around, Stephens decided to stick with computers but go in a different direction. Although she is working toward an associate's in networking, it's drafting that is drawing Stephens.

"I'd like to get an associate's in drafting also," she said "I can hear it calling my name."

When she isn't working, going to school, or making sure her children are on the road to graduating high school, a feat that Stephens describes as one of her greatest accomplishments, she likes to play golf. When it comes to playing golf, she has all the right things. From the shoes to her own golf cart, Stephens is proud of her equipment.

"I'm pretty good, but my husband cheats so badly my son and I refuse to keep score," she

said. "But, it's because we're beating him."

If golf is her main interest, then Walt Disney movies are a close second.

"It's a toss-up between the *Lion King* and *Cinderella*," Stephens said.

"Those are really great stories. They're great for kids."

Animation has always been a dream of hers.

"I really used to enjoy coloring," she said. "I wish I could've been one of those rich kids who were able to go where I needed to go to be in animation."

Stephens recalls the inspiration her father had given her by being her "buddy."

"I used to crawl up on his lap when I was a little girl and tell him everything that happened that day, then my six brothers and sisters would get in trouble," she said.

When it comes to heroes, however, Stephens points a finger to Whoopi Goldberg.

"Whoopi says all the right things," she said.

"When it comes to fighting something for a good cause like AIDS, she's always there."

Even though Stephens hasn't yet finished her degree, it is apparent she is happy with the way her life is going.

A heartfelt answer sums up what she would be if she could be anything in the world.

"What I am today," Stephens said.

For students looking for advice to make it easier to finish college, Stephens gives this simple piece along with a chuckle.

"Go to class, and don't sleep when you get there," she said. □

SECURITY



ERIN SELLERS/The Chart

Security officer Raymond Magee stands next to his campus patrol vehicle. The former Air Force serviceman and correctional officer enjoys the ambiance at Missouri Southern.

Security officer hits the books

By MICHAEL JOHNSTON
CHART REPORTER

Students at Missouri Southern should know they are in safe hands. One man spending 24 years in the military, including four years of active duty, has assured that.

Raymond Magee, security officer, left New York State at age 21 and joined the Air Force. He served time for his country in Vietnam as well as Australia. Some of his service time was also spent in the National Guard and reserves.

Magee and his wife live in Baxter Springs, Kan. He has two children and a grandchild in Kansas City, a son in Georgia serving in the military, and a son in Italy with two grandchildren.

Magee started at Southern on Jan. 11. His job consists of patrolling the parking lots from 11 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. as well as running fire checks. This is not just another job for Magee.

"It's something that I have always enjoyed doing," he said.

When Magee finished his service duties, he went straight to work. He worked as a correctional officer and at a boot camp. Magee also was a jailer in Cherokee County for one year.

Magee's experience as a jailer has led him to some advice for college students.

"Kids should understand the dangers of drugs," he said. "When I was a jailer you could tell that many of the inmates were high."

Nineteen years of building cabinets was another occupation for Magee. He was a sample maker for O'Sullivan Industries in Lamar. His job was to design the cabinets for the company salesmen to present to other companies. Magee believes his father has been the most influential person for him.

"He was a hard working man and he instilled good qualities in me," he said.

Coming to Southern has become a major part of Magee's life. He enjoys the environment as well as his fellow employees, and says this a place he would like to retire from.

Magee, who currently is taking classes at Southern, previously attended Labette Community College. Receiving an associate's degree is a goal. One thing Magee would like to see is Southern become a university so it would attract more students.

In his spare time or when a chance comes around, he goes camping and fishing. □

COMMUNICATIONS

Love of Spanish mixes cultures

By CANDACE MOORE
CHART REPORTER

If Kathy Korcheck, instructor of Spanish, had been an only child, she might not be teaching at Missouri Southern.

Her sister, a student at Ohio University, happened to see a flier in the hall one day. It was an advertisement of a job opening for a Spanish instructor at Southern.

"I had been applying to places closer to Ohio, where I'm from," Korcheck said. "At first I didn't want to go all the way to Missouri."

However, she needed a job. She came here for an interview last summer and went back home feeling positive about it.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "I was so excited because this place, more than any other schools I'd applied to, had the best international mission. The programs that they had for study abroad I just found phenomenal."

Korcheck received both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Kent State University in Ohio. She is in her second semester teaching here and has decided college is where she wants to be.

"I tried teaching high school Spanish, but I found out it was definitely not where I wanted to be," she said. "I like teaching at the college level because you don't have to worry as much about discipline and dealing with parents."

Spanish is more to Korcheck than just teaching. It's a part of her life in and away from school. She began learning the language in junior high and found it came naturally to her.

"My best friend and I would speak to each other, write notes, and talk on the phone in Spanish all the time," she said. "It drove our parents crazy because they could never understand what we were saying."

Korcheck's love of the Spanish language and culture has been a life-changing experience. The summer after her first year in college, she joined a volunteer program called Amigos de Las Americas that took her to Mexico. She taught sanitation to the people of a tiny village and also built latrines, painted houses, and planted gardens.

"It was definitely the best experience of my life, and I know I would not be who I am today had I not done that," Korcheck said. "It was such an eye-opening thing, and I would recommend it to anybody."

The next summer she volunteered to teach English to some migrant Mexican farmers near her home in Ohio.

"That experience instilled in my mind just how hard it is to learn a foreign language," she said. "It gave me



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Spanish instructor Kathy Korcheck enjoys the Spanish language as well as the culture.

a greater appreciation for what my future students would be going through."

Away from work, Korcheck enjoys bike riding, the Cleveland Indians, and traveling. She's been to both Spain and Mexico twice.

One of Korcheck's favorite pastimes is reading and writing poetry.

"I'm just passionate about it," she said.

Her favorite poet is Pablo Neruda, the first poet she ever read. In fact, she is such a big fan that her dream is to go to Chile one day and visit his home.

Korcheck has many dreams and goals for the future. Her main goals are to teach upper-division Spanish literature and become more involved in the Spanish community.

"I would really like to do more work with migrant Mexican communities," she said.

For now, Korcheck is happy with what she is doing. She is fulfilling her dream by helping people learn and appreciate the Spanish language and culture.

She has a little advice for foreign language students.

"To learn a language you have to take advantage of every opportunity you can get — eat it, breathe it, and dance it," she said. □

ATHLETICS

Former Kansas City Chief returns as coordinator of new campus facility

By KIMBERLY TAYLOR
CHART REPORTER

Former Webb City athlete Mark Smith has returned home to take a position with Missouri Southern. While everyone was away over Christmas break, the athletic department was busy hiring Smith as the new facilities coordinator and assistant defensive line football coach.

"The job was mentioned to me through a friend," Smith said.

The opportunity also gave him a chance to be closer to family. His position at the College began Jan. 4. The job will require him to

schedule events in the new Leggett & Platt Athletic Center and assist with the football team. The facilities are not completed at this time, but Smith is helping the football team with conditioning. He is also traveling with Mike Lawrence, head strength and conditioning coach, to other col-



Mark Smith
Facilities Coordinator

leges and universities checking out weight training programs.

"Football players want to find out what I am all about, and I want to find out what they're all about," Smith said. "It is going to take some time, however, getting use to the role reversal."

He thinks his professional experience as a linebacker with the Kansas City Chiefs will help the football team during conditioning, but as a coach it will be a learning process. Smith, who played two years with the Chiefs, was released before the 1998 season due to injuries. He isn't upset over the decision, which was mutual.

"It was a goal of mine to go to the NFL, and I did," he said.

As a Chief, he worked with First Down Promotions teaching children about drugs and alcohol in the Kansas City area. Smith's most embarrassing moment as a Chief was having to stand up and sing a song to the rest of the team as a rookie.

"I sang 'I'm Just a Little Black Rain Cloud' by Winnie the Pooh," he said.

Needless to say, he was "on stage" for only five seconds. When released by the Chiefs, Smith used his marketing and management degree to find a job.

"My heart wasn't in it," he said. "It wasn't sports."

That is when he found out about the Southern position. Smith, who would like to get his master's degree while here, says education is important to him.

"It is hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "Stay in college and finish what you started because you will have something to look back on and be proud of yourself. Finish what you started out to do."

Besides education, he believes sports was a drive in his life as well.

"It got me every place I ever went and paid for my education," Smith

said. He has come home to be closer to family.

His mother, Judy Divine, has been his strongest influence in life. As a single mother, she raised Smith and his two brothers on minimum wage.

Smith met his wife, Kamber, while attending the University of Arkansas.

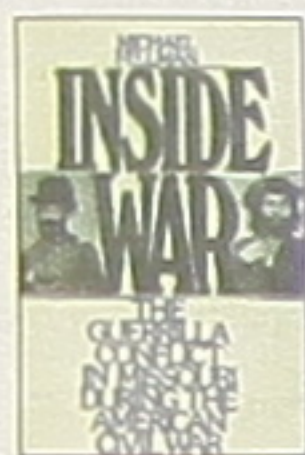
They have a son, 13-month-old Tatum.

Some other facts about Smith: he loves history, his favorite movie was *Braveheart*, he likes country music, and he enjoys fishing.

He prefers college sports to professional sports. □

Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Erin Sellers at 625-9311.



■ **Jeans Lecture in History:**
"Inside Wars: The Cultural Crisis of Warfare and the Values of Ordinary People," 11 a.m. today, Webster Auditorium.

Today

2 p.m.—
Traffic appeals meeting, ask in the business office or campus security.

Tuesday

6:30 p.m.—
Peter Burchard, George Washington Carver Lecture, Webster Hall Auditorium.

Wednesday

3:30 p.m.—
Student teacher seminar 8, Taylor Hall Room 113.

Thursday

5 to 7:30 p.m.—
Sixth Annual Wine Tasting benefit for KXMS, Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

Evening Senior assessment tests, night students only.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Rho Sigma inducts members into honors society

By ANGIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Fidelity to humanity, science, service, and toils are the ideals forming the basis for Kappa Delta Pi.

At 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Conner Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center, the international honors society in education, Kappa Delta Pi, initiates new members into the organization to help maintain the ideals of the honors society.

Christin Mathis, senior mathematics education major, and Michelle Curtis, senior elementary education major, are new members to be inducted.

Mathis was in a mathematics class when a member of Kappa Delta Pi came in and began talking about an outstanding student who had received high academic achievement and been selected to join the society.

"I felt so honored," she said "I didn't think it was me."

Since her Orientation to Education course, Curtis has wanted to be in Kappa Delta Pi.

"I saw many girls getting 'tapped,' and I felt so discouraged," she said. "When I got tapped, it made my whole college career."

Requirements for one to become a member of Kappa Delta Pi are a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or better, admission into the Missouri Southern teacher education program, and two faculty recommendations from Southern faculty members.

Kappa Delta Pi was founded in 1911, but Southern's chapter, Rho Sigma, was formed in 1988.

Since 1994, Kaye Abight has been the Rho Sigma chapter counselor and believes this has contributed to her leadership skills and her career development.

"I just love this organization and I love the

people," she said. "It's like being in a family."

Kappa Delta Pi does several activities each semester including fund-raisers for the society and Southern's Child Development Center, the Phon-A-Thon, the adopt a school program, and the most current project is celebrating teaching.

Celebrating teaching works in conjunction with cadet teaching day on Mar. 9 to try and recruit prospective students into the teaching field.

"We have a lot of projects every year," Abight said.

"This is a very active chapter."

Rho Sigma also competes nationally each year against the other 535 chapters of Kappa Delta Pi.

Last semester, Rho Sigma was selected to be one of the 10 chapters out of 535 national chapters to receive the Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) award.

This award is presented to Kappa Delta Pi chapters demonstrating excellence in four categories: membership, chapter programs, service activities, and society participation.

Abight also received a prestigious award last semester.

Michael Wolfe, executive director of Kappa Delta Pi, came to the 1998 initiation and presented her with the Executive Director's Award for her service and contributions to the Kappa Delta Pi as a counselor, national member, and a volunteer field representative.

Abight believes members of the honors society are dedicated students who want to improve the world they live in through education.

"The best part is seeing the growth of the men and women in the chapter," she said. "It's an organization that is dedicated to pre-service and new leaders," □

GETTING HIS FEET WET



John Giles, senior biology major, learns some beginning scuba diving skills at the Koinonia lock-in last Friday at the Olympic fitness center. Assisting Giles is Grant Bard.

MATT MADURA/The Chart

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Faux-diplomats give presentation in conference

MMUN allows students to embark in Kenyan multilateral negotia-

By BRIAN WIRTH
STAFF WRITER

Six students from Missouri Southern are participating in the Midwest Model United Nations (MMUN) in St. Louis.

The event began Wednesday and concludes tomorrow. About 40 to 45 schools will represent between 60 to 70 different countries.

The MMUN gives students experience in the complexity of multilateral diplomacy and negotiations. The MMUN simulates the General Assembly Plenary, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the International Press. Students at the conference will be involved in all of these.

During the four-day conference, students will assume the roles of various UN members. Southern students are representing Kenya at this year's conference.

"In the MMUN, we want to do what we think Kenya would do," said Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history.

In the MMUN, the goal is to persuade the other international parties to a country's viewpoint. In order to achieve this persuasion, students must resolve the worldly issues at hand through cooperative, informal caucuses and discussions.

Research is important in order to do well at the conference.

"You have to know how the UN works and about all the issues that will be debated," Teverow said.

"You also need to know how the Kenyan government works and what their stand is on the issues that will be discussed."

Jason Kiefer, junior secondary education major, has been to the conference twice and knows just how much research is needed.

"I haven't done as much research as I have done in the past, but I have done about 15 hours of research for the conference this year," he said.

Each day students spend at the conference will be packed with activities. The average day is from about 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. The students will have a little time for some sight seeing and a dance.

In order to get involved in the MMUN, students do not necessarily have to be history or political science majors. Anyone can get involved.

"There is not one student who couldn't help with this," Teverow said.

"The conference is really fun," Kiefer said.

"You get to miss a couple days of school and you learn about the country and the UN. All you have to do to get involved is just be interested. Just jump into it and have a good time." □

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS

Pre-law Club helps prepare Southern's future lawyers

Organization teaches skills students need for career

By MELODY LANING
STAFF WRITER

Students interested in law are being offered a chance to study for the LSAT via the Pre-law Club.

The Pre-law Club meets monthly, usually on a Tuesday or Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the Anderson Justice Center.

The club's meetings are announced either by sending letters about upcoming meetings to the students attending previous Pre-law meetings or by members posting notices around the campus.

"Basically the Pre-law Club is used to try to prepare students applying for admission to law school," said Dr. Trina Scott, assistant professor of criminal justice. "Hopefully, they will be admitted through preparation for the LSAT."

The Pre-law Club was introduced in 1993 and is co-sponsored by Scott and Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science.

These two faculty members have been using various teaching techniques to help interested Southern students prepare for the pre-law school exam.

"Lately we have been listening to tapes giving tips on taking the LSAT," Yates said. "We have also sponsored LSAT training sessions on logical reasoning."

Enrollment of the club varies from meeting to meeting.

The club is open to all Southern students and not limited to political science or criminal justice majors.

"The purpose of the club is to assist students, regardless of their major, prepare for law school," Yates said.

Another way the Pre-law Club helps students is by taking field trips to various law schools. They have toured law schools and sat in on classes at

Tulsa University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"We also bring in recruiters to campus from several law schools," Yates said. "And attorneys from various fields fill the students in on what their field of law is like."

"We also have training sessions to look at helpful law sites on the Internet concerning the LSAT," he said.

Overall, the club is centered toward students interested in law and students who need help for the LSAT.

"The Pre-law Club is basically a service to students who are interested in law," Scott said. "This club is more information-based."

In April, the Pre-law Club will be visiting the Arkansas School of Law.

"I would like to encourage anyone to come to the meetings who might be interested," she said. "Anyone interested in the trip in April to the Arkansas School of Law can contact me at 625-9796." □

“Basically the Pre-law Club is used to prepare students applying for admission to law school.”

Trina Scott
Assistant professor
criminal justice

Cats to bring cool music and start the year right

Organization dedicated to bringing tunes

By CASSIE HOMBS
STAFF WRITER

For those toe-tappin', jazz-lovin' students out there, an afternoon of free music is on the horizon.

Jazz in Joplin, an organization formed to promote exactly that, will hold its first concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Webster Hall auditorium. The concert, which will feature Kerry Strayer and the New Kansas City 7, is the first for the group's season.

"We bring groups in from all over the country," said Pete Havelly, head of the music department and a member of

the board of directors of Jazz in Joplin. "We're trying to keep jazz alive in Joplin."

In 1989, the United States Congress declared that jazz music was an American national treasure because it is the only form of music that originated in the U.S. Because of that proclamation, jazz enthusiasts in Joplin formed this self-sufficient, not-for-profit organization.

"We have quite a following of jazz fans in this area," said Cecie Fritz, founder of Jazz in Joplin. "It really seems to work here."

Approximately 150 people make it out to each concert. Tickets sell in advance for \$10 at Ernie Williamson's Music House in Joplin. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$12.50.

But Southern students can keep their money because admission with a college ID is free.

Other groups scheduled to perform include Karrin Allyson, a jazz vocalist, on May 2; "Jazz in the Park," a group of area jazz musicians directed by Havelly, on July 18; a swing music dance featuring the Glenn Miller Band at Hammons Trade Center, on July 25; the Tulsa Vintage Jazz Band, a dixieland band, on Sept. 12; and the Trilogy Big Band, another swing band, on Nov. 14. Havelly is satisfied with the quality of music presented this year.

"This season, we're bringing back the best bands from the past years," Havelly said. "These are really bands worth coming out for." □

PERFORMANCE ARTS



From left to right: Rachel Arnold, Joey Roesel, Shelley Perkins, and Moose Leighton don their best make-up in the production of "The Magician's Nephew."

Theatre unleashes one 'magical' play

By CHRIS ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

A fantasy tale, similar to those from childhood, is currently creeping its way into the hearts of Missouri Southern students, thanks to the theatre department.

Since Tuesday, Southern Theatre has been performing a C.S. Lewis play titled *The Magician's Nephew*. This play weaves a tale of strange worlds and wondrous adventures, via talking animals and two children.

Freshman Rachel Arnold, who plays Polly, one of the children, says she is excited about her role.

"I'm the girl who lives next door," Arnold said. "Basically Digory (the main character) and I play and explore together. We start playing with some magic rings and find ourselves exploring worlds that no one has ever seen before."

The children go on to explore other worlds and then eventually work their way back to their own world. However, they don't return without a few mishaps.

"We accidentally bring back a wicked witch," Arnold said. "She's supposed to symbolize evil. Basically, that is what the whole play is about, the struggle of good versus evil."

Incidentally, the witch the children bring back is the same witch found in another of C.S. Lewis' stories, perhaps more well known, called *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

In order to get rid of the wicked witch, they take on the aid of a talking lion, who is supposed to symbolize Jesus.

"The whole play has an underlying Christian theme to it," explains Michelle Olson, stage manager and junior theatre minor. "All throughout the play you can see

themes of creation and temptation and good versus evil type of stuff."

With the lion's aid, the children thwart the wicked witch. The lion ends up creating a new world populated with talking animals and more.

"It is supposed to coincide with the book of Genesis in the Bible," Arnold said.

Southern Theatre brings this play to life through a display of colorful costumes and backdrops, not to mention the acting.

"This has really been a learning experience," Arnold said. "Gerrie-Ellen (Johnston, the director) really incorporates a lot of the sub text, as opposed to letting us just improvise."

Jeff Wilson, who plays "the bear," agrees. "Gerrie-Ellen asked me to play the part, and because of her I've gotten to be very good at it."

Though the play is a show directed toward children, the theatre department strongly encourages Southern students to attend.

Shows start at 2:30 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Tickets can either be bought at the door or via reservation by calling the box office in Taylor Auditorium.

"Usually the shows are free to students," said Bethia Scott, who is in charge of booking the shows. "But we set aside this show as our paid show of the year."

The money goes toward theatre scholarships, as well as other expenses always found when putting on a theatre production.

"We kept the price low so as not to turn away our audiences," Scott said. "Hopefully we'll get our usual crowd of 600 to 1,000."

"It's going to be a lot of fun," he said. □

MOSCOW PHILHARMONIC

Mother Russia sends musicians

Moscow strings to come to campus

By ERIC GRUBER
ARTS EDITOR

The Cold War is long over, and the doors are steadily opening wider for the treasures of Russia to be available to America.

Not only are these treasures more readily available to the United States, but on March 5, one of these will be presented at Missouri Southern.

The Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. that Friday in Taylor Auditorium. The event is presented to the Joplin area by Pro Musica.

"Pro Musica is a not-for-profit organization that brings classical music into Joplin," said Cynthia Schwab, founder and director of Pro Musica.

The organization, formed 18 years ago, has been the force in having musical groups perform, such as the Joplin Pops and other symphony orchestras.

"The Moscow Philharmonic is a full-size symphony orchestra," Schwab said. "They will be playing a program of all Russian music."

The orchestra will be playing a suite from Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* and his work *Rococo*. It also will play Shostakovich's 5th Symphony.

Schwab was able to bring this group to Joplin due to her links with the company that books the shows for the orchestra and her meticulous planning. This particular show was planned 18 months in advance to arrange for the orchestra to travel to Joplin.

"I work through the management company that books the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra," she said. "I do this every other year on the off year of the [Missouri Southern International] Piano Competition."

The concert has been advertised for about four weeks, according to Rae Surber, box office manager. Surber said Taylor seats "approximately 2,000" and it's almost sold out.

"Ticket sales have gone really well," she said. "It's a virtual sell-out at the moment."

There are some seats available in the balcony, which are \$12 each, but all of the lower level seats, which sell for \$18, are sold out. One hundred seats have been reserved for students who may be interested in attending the concert.

Surber said this is an excellent opportunity to anyone, due to the rarity of seeing something as prestigious and unique as the Moscow Philharmonic.

"It's going to be a wonderful concert," Surber said. "I would encourage students to go."

Those interested in availability can call the box office at 625-9366. □

Arts Showcases

Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Eric Gruber at 625-9311.



Southern Theatre presents
"The Magician's Nephew,"
Sat. and Sun., at 2:30 p.m.,
In Taylor Auditorium.

Today

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11 a.m.—
Jeans Lecture in History
Webster Auditorium

Saturday

27

2:30 p.m.—
Southern Theatre
presents
"The Magician's Nephew"
Taylor Auditorium

Sunday

28

2:30 p.m.—
Jazz in Joplin presents
"Kerry Strayer and
the New Kansas City #7"
Webster Auditorium

2:30 p.m.—

Southern Theatre presents
"The Magician's Nephew"
Taylor Auditorium

Tuesday

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2:30 p.m.—
Native American Film Series,
Student Life Center

Thursday

31

7:30 p.m.—
Senior Trumpet Recital
Jeff Taylor Webster Auditorium

SPIVA ART GALLERY

Sweden trip inspires art students

By VINCE SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

Spending part of the summer in Sweden changed art majors from Missouri Southern in many different ways.

This was proven at 3 p.m. Monday when the reception "Summer in Sweden with a French Twist" was held in Spiva Art Gallery. Nick Kyle, associate professor of art, recalls the trip.

"There were basically selected drawings," he said. "A lot of the pieces were from trips and around Sweden."

Kyle said some of the paintings were more academic. They were created in the studio and dealt with Sweden for the most part. He also added that the group went to Paris. As a result, more of the drawing aspect took place during traveling.

The group of artists traveled for six weeks. Kyle said each student signs up for six hours of credit. Three hours consists of advanced drawing, and the other three involved special topics in art history.

"We centered around Mallsjo," Kyle said. "This is in south central Sweden. We stayed in the school of

Folkhogskola. It's like a junior college. It has dorms and classrooms, and we used the studios and facilities."

Brandi Blackwood, senior graphic design major, worked on what she would see. She sketched the places she went while in Paris and based much of her work on emotion. She painted the train station in Paris and the Metro. She also did a self-portrait when she arrived, and then another when she left.

"I had the time of my life," Blackwood said. "It changed who I was. I looked and acted different when I came back."

Blackwood also painted the campus the group stayed on. This was because it rained much of the time and made it difficult to hike.

"It was great," she said. "I want to go back. I could definitely live there."

Kyle said the attendance for the reception was good. He points out that with an evening reception, there might have been more people. Overall, he was pleased.

"It was a really fun trip," Kyle said. "It was a great experience for everybody concerned." □



Michele Holloway and Nick Kyle, associate professor and trip director, look at slides from last summer's trip in the Spiva Art Gallery.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/THE CHART

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Chamber of Commerce seeks business nominees

The accounting firm of Baird, Kurtz & Dobson and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce are seeking nominees for the 1999 Small Business of the Year Award. The process of selection is based on evidence of successful operation and significant contributions to the community. A nominee must be an owner/partner/major shareholder of the business and active in the day-to-day operation of the business.

Qualifications for businesses include the following: employing no more than 50 full-time persons, being in business a minimum of four years, being located within a 35-mile radius of Joplin, and being a member in good standing at the Joplin Chamber for two full years before the nomination. To nominate an individual, interested persons may call the Chamber for an entry form at 625-4150. □

Dentist donates money to local children's charity

A collection for recipes is being sought by Dr. Michael Fitterling and his dental office staff for a community cookbook to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

The cookbook, "Treasures From the Heart," should be available by Mother's Day, May 9. Fitterling's goal is to have 500 recipes in the cookbook.

The cost of the cookbook will be \$15. Those to be mailed will have an additional \$2 charge. To order books, persons should contact Fitterling's office at 781-2900 or the Ronald McDonald House at 624-2273. □

Area businesses request money for improvements

Community development block grant money has been requested by 18 area businesses for special projects. The businesses met with a committee of the Joplin City Council, but were not awarded their requests of a combined \$579,298.

Currently, there is only \$142,650 available in grant money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant money is used to meet the needs of low-to-moderate income people, removing slum in an area, or making repairs.

The highest amount requested, \$82,707, came from McKinley Elementary School, located at 611 Highland Ave. The school wants to purchase playground equipment and build an exercise track. □

Carthage residents sue to keep Myers Park airport

Supporters of the former Myers Park Municipal Airport filed a proposal to settle a lawsuit in Carthage. No action was taken in the closed session of the city council committee meeting. The group met to look over the agreement drafted by an attorney for a group of airport patrons and supporters.

The groups filed suit after the city closed the airport in 1996, in order for the land to be marketed for development. Supporters sued in an attempt to get the city to reopen the airport. Their reasoning was that by keeping the operation in Carthage, it would make it easier for the city to get federal funds to build a new airport.

The council approved plans to market the airport land, and earlier this year approved the sale of 9.3 acres for \$850,000. The council also set aside \$500,000 to be used toward the purchase of land for a new airport. Potential sites are now being evaluated. □

American Red Cross in need of blood donations

The Southwest Missouri Chapter of the American Red Cross needs funds to keep the Joplin Red Cross ready in case of disaster. Interested persons may send donation to 410 Jackson Ave., Joplin, MO 64801.

For information about becoming a trained volunteer to help during disasters, persons may call the Red Cross office at 624-4411. □

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL

City fails to comply with recycling mandate

By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

Changing the method of city-wide trash collection is under consideration by the Joplin City Council as a way of meeting a state mandate.

The Missouri state legislature set a goal for cities and counties to recycle 40 percent of the solid waste generated in their areas by Jan. 1, 1998. Joplin has yet to comply with the order.

"We are very close to that goal," said Mary Anne Phillips, recycling coordinator for the city. "We are at 35 percent."

According to Phillips, the figures vary slightly from month to month because it is

so difficult to get the haulers to report.

Dr. Don Clark, City Council member, said the overall goal has been accomplished, mainly through haulers picking up packing cartons from retail establishments.

Curbside pickup of recyclable products, separated from the regular garbage, is also under consideration.

At its informal session on Feb. 15, the Council instructed the director of public works to arrange for a professional survey to determine how people want to handle the mandate.

"The citizens got us out [of city pickup] about 10 years ago," said Harold McCoy, public works director.

"The people voted against it. They closed the landfill and sold the trucks."

Currently, the city is served by private collectors who must have a permit.

Their times of operating are regulated by the city, in hopes of avoiding a nuisance created by trucks in residential areas. They are not required to provide recycling services that are offered in other nearby cities.

"There are a lot of legal issues involved, and a lot of the trash haulers would not like it," Phillips said.

According to McCoy, the city code would have to be changed to contract with a single hauler.

"We are in the process of drafting the

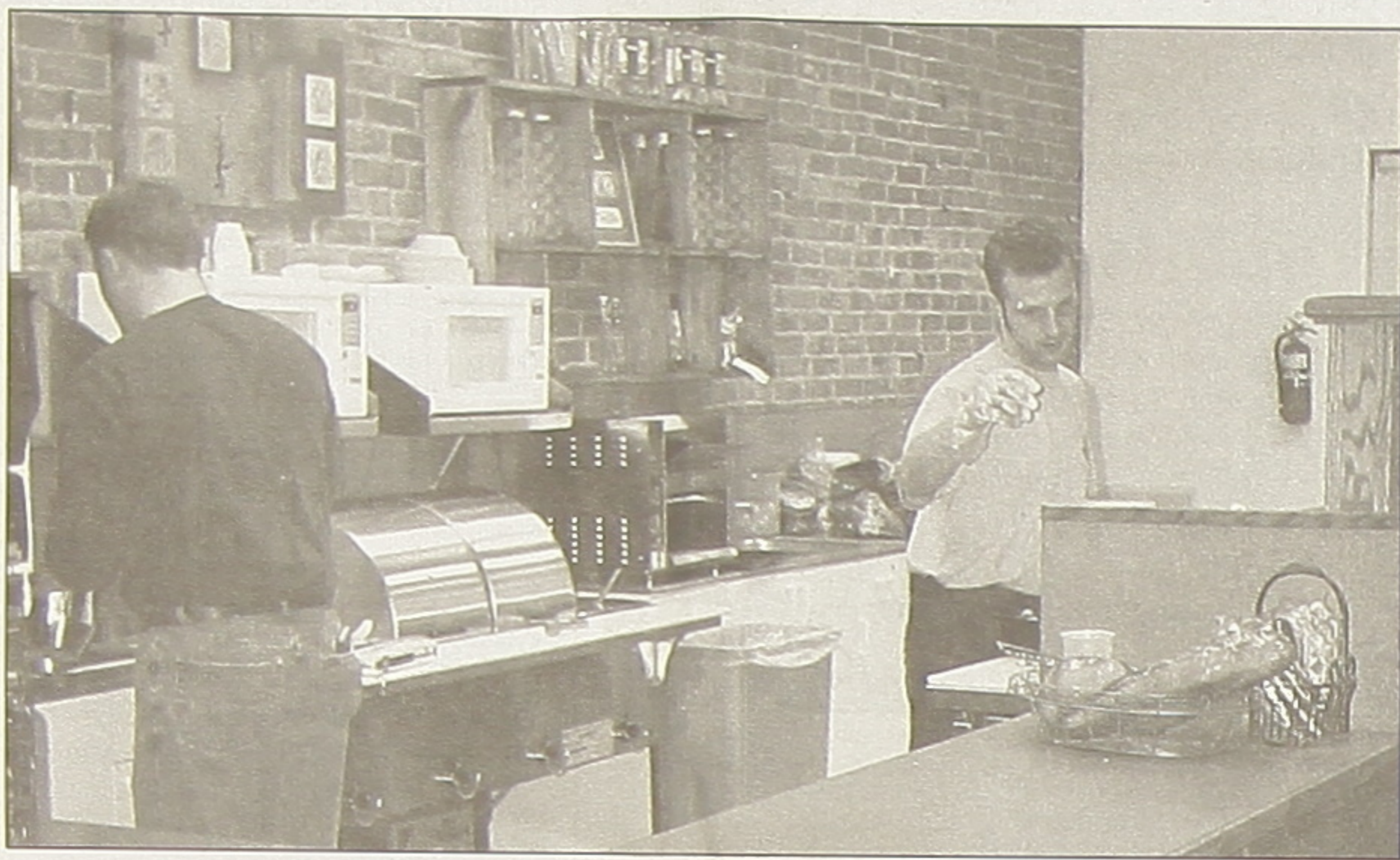
survey, then we will have a consultant do the work," he said. "They (the City Council) need to take a look at the questionnaire before the consultants could start on it."

The consulting firm has not been selected.

"We want one that is totally autonomous from us," Phillips said. "We are looking for one who has no vested interest in the outcome."

Clark believes the time will come when the price of trash collection is going to resemble a utility bill. He thinks one of the alternatives to the present system is to take bids for a city-wide collection service, requiring a recycling option. □

MAIN STREET JOPLIN



MATT MADURA/The Chart

William A. Grubbs, (right) owner of City Deli, and a 1995 Missouri Southern mass communications graduate, prepares a sandwich. Torrey Herd helps Grubbs during a busy lunch hour.

Alumnus debuts deli downtown

New eatery strives to revive Main Street

By CALE RITTER
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Joplin has a new deli/coffee shop owned by William A. Grubbs, a 1995 Missouri Southern mass communications graduate.

"It seems that Joplin has never gotten that coffee craze," he said. "I wanted to introduce something different to make Joplin realize that coffee is something that the whole world loves."

City Deli's sandwiches range from \$4.99 to \$5.99. It also has a soup of the day, and the house soup is potato. For now, Monday through Friday hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"I call it 'gourmet deli,'" Grubbs said. "We serve the best meat in Joplin, and I can prove that no other deli in Joplin serves the high quality that we serve."

Located at 527 Main, City Deli also offers full-service catering. This service is available for dinner for two, or an open house for everyone.

"I wanted a better downtown," Grubbs said. "I saw that downtown was growing. Parking is terrible, but if you have good food, they will come."

"I think any business coming downtown is an asset because downtown is a nice place," said Shirley Hylton, manager of TJ. Motts.

"Anything that can be done to revitalize the downtown area is wonderful," she said.

The deli, a non-smoking establishment, also displays local art. It has the historic atmosphere with the tall ceilings and brick walls.

"Any student who wants to display their art here, I'll take it," Grubbs said. "Pottery or paintings, I'll talk to anybody. Since I am an alumnus, I would be glad to help out any student that I possibly can."

Hylton said TJ. Motts was the first restaurant in Joplin to be totally smoke-free.

Grubbs said the City Deli will be the first restaurant/bar to be smoke free when it gets their liquor license.

"What we're trying to do is give this place a big-city feel," Grubbs said. "We wanted to do something that Joplin hasn't seen yet."

Combine it with a coffee house, combine it with a potential for an evening business, combine that with the possibility to open a bar.

Hylton said people stay on the beaten path of Range Line and 32nd Street, and that there's a lot of places in the downtown area where you can relax and don't have to stand in line for two hours to get in.

Affordability is a key objective for Grubbs. He wanted to attract the administrative assistant who gets a half hour for lunch and cannot afford the same restaurants as their bosses.

"You just can't argue with bringing business downtown," Grubbs said. □

BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS

Super Bowl for Kids kicks off fund-raiser

Juvenile mentoring program has long waiting list with over 100 local participants

By JO BETH HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

The Super Bowl is not over for the Joplin area. Saturday is the Super Bowl for Kids, sponsored by the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters serves Jasper and Newton counties by providing adult mentors to area children.

"We are a juvenile delinquency prevention program," said Mark Kimball, executive director.

Mentors are provided to children ages 6 to 14 from single-parent homes in hopes they will receive a positive influence and deter from destructive behavior.

Kimball said children active in this program are less likely to get involved with drugs and underage drinking and more likely to stay out of trouble.

A majority of the students also do better in school after being involved with a mentor.

The program, which started in 1996, has done well in its first three years of existence.

"Right now we have 47 kids placed with men-

tors," Kimball said. "We have placed over 50, but, as always, some of those relationships have dissolved."

The program does have a long waiting list for mentors.

The current list contains more than 100 area children. Many of the children are boys, so the need for big brothers in the program is great.

"Out of around 100 kids, 90 of them are boys," Kimball said. "Some of these kids have waited for over a year."

Big Brothers, Big Sisters does some recruiting around the area.

Every Thursday evening, KODE-TV runs a spot. Kimball gives speeches at different events and keeps area newspapers informed of program activities.

The latest event, the Super Bowl for Kids, begins at noon and ends at 10 p.m. The event has four different shifts for bowling teams to play.

In order to be involved, teams of five or six players get pledges and donations. Each team must receive \$35 in order to play.

Teams earning at least \$50 also receive a free T-shirt, and those who earn at least \$100

receive gifts of greater value.

A DJ will provide music, and a silent auction takes place during each of the four shifts.

The bowl-a-thon will be held at Carl Richards Bowl East on north Range Line Road.

Amy Potter, Bowl for Kids Sake committee member, said the bowling alley was an obvious choice.

"Carl Richards has been a great supporter of us since the very beginning," she said. "It was an obvious choice because of the support and the space available."

Persons needing more information may call Keith Moeller, president of the board, at 782-5134.

"The money raised by the event stays in our area," Kimball said. "It doesn't go anywhere else."

The first event raised \$20,000 for the Big Brothers,

Big Sisters program, and last year \$29,000 was raised. The goal for this year is \$50,000, and Kimball is confident they will make their goal.

"Our kids are worth a million dollars," he said. "All we're asking for is \$50,000." □

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Retailers targeting job market

By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

Although the manufacturing sector is responsible for 25 percent of the employment in the Joplin area, retailing and wholesaling combine for a close second.

Health care and transportation are the two fastest-growing segments, said Rob O'Brian, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I think the one thing, from a Missouri Southern student perspective, is that Joplin is a growing market," he said. "There are lots of jobs being created in all categories."

After deciding Joplin is a market in which a firm wants to locate, officials often call a Realtor or a developer first and then seek information from the city planner's office and the Chamber.

"As your area grows and matures, you reach a certain point in the marketing world that you become attractive to national accounts," said Richard Largent, municipal planner for Joplin.

"We have a base population close to 80,000 and a market area of close to 350,000. Some more significant things that help are we have a mall of over a million square feet and we have franchised restaurants such as Applebee's and Ruby Tuesday."

They are significant milestones when it comes to marketing. We tend to be the retail center for this marketing area.

"One of the keys for us is the major highways making it easy for the people to get here."

The area is acquiring several new retail establishments.

Others are expanding. Neither O'Brian or Largent would divulge some of the prospects considering locating in Joplin other than those mentioned in this article.

Office Depot is picking up a building permit within a week to start construction on the northwest corner of Range Line and 32nd. Luby's cafeteria, formerly located there, has been razed.

"Steinmart, a retail department store, is going in at 11th and Range Line where Payless Cashways was located as part of a development with Hobby Lobby," O'Brian said.

Hobby Lobby is moving from its present location at Seventh and Range Line into a 60,000-square-foot building to be located next to Steinmart.

The Silver Creek Galleria, a new outlet west of the Cracker Barrel, is open.

It has one tenant, but the developer is negotiating with several others, O'Brian said. The Antique Mansion on East 32nd Street, due to open the middle of March, contains 32,000 square feet of floor space.

"We are trying to attract a lot of other dealers to make it where Joplin is a good place to go," said Steve Cope, co-owner.

"By concentrating on attracting good manufacturing and service companies, which mean better job opportunities and tax base, the retailers will come," O'Brian said. □



Rob O'Brian
President of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Legislators facing 'emotional' issue

Late-term abortions
center of House debate

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY—It may have a new name in the House of Representatives, but the partial-birth abortion issue is as controversial as ever.

"The word 'infanticide' is the homicide of an infant," said Rep. Bill Leutkenhaus (D-Josephville).

Leutkenhaus, the bill's sponsor, thinks House Bill 427, which would make infanticide a class-A felony, is timely and important.

"It's very important because we're dealing with an issue the public has become aware of, and the magnitude of it is overwhelming," he said. "The procedure is so horrific. We're talking about a procedure that kills the baby while it's being born."

Rep. Gracia Backer (D-New Bloomfield) says the bill is difficult for those on both sides of the issue.

"The issue of partial-birth abortion is a very emotional one and very difficult to define," she said. "I don't think anyone questions the horrible process, if there is such a process, of partial-birth abortion."

Backer says the U.S. Supreme Court probably will take issue with the bill if it passes into law in Missouri.

"If you go back and look at Roe v. Wade, it specifically states that the health and life of the mother must be addressed, and, if that is right now the Supreme Court ruling, then it is my understanding that anything short of containing the health of the mother will still be ruled unconstitutional," she said.

The life of the mother is a gray area in the language of the bill.

"The medical community and the American Medical Association all say that the procedure is never medically necessary," Leutkenhaus said.

"There is a provision in the bill that allows doctors to do everything they have to do to save the life of the mother. It also says, 'We want you to save the baby,'" Leutkenhaus says time is of the essence in

getting the legislation to pass.

"This procedure is being performed in neighboring states, and there's some discussion that it may be being performed here," he said. "I want to send a message to these abortionists who perform this procedure that they will be prosecuted in our state and that children in Missouri will be protected while they are being born."

He continues by saying the legislation is brief and straight to the point.

"It's very simple. It says if you kill a baby while it's being born, you're guilty of second-degree murder," he said. "These children are defenseless and innocent and it (the partial-birth abortion procedure) goes against what our country was founded on." □

REPRESENTATIVES IN THE HOUSE



Members of the Missouri Southern Student Senate visited cities in Jefferson City on Tuesday and Wednesday. Here, Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Joplin) is discussing legislative procedure with the Senators on the House floor Tuesday.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Bill calls for new position

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY—Colleges and universities across the state may be called upon to increase volunteerism according to legislation currently being heard in the education committee.

Rep. Emmy McLelland (D-Webster Groves), co-sponsor of the bill, explains that two similar pieces of legislation, House Bills 749 and 750, may be joining in a combined effort.

"We are rolling together two different bills into a substitute," she said. "The first bill creates a Student Volunteer Corps which would require all colleges and universities in Missouri to designate some office or person on their campus who is in charge of volunteer options for students."

"And we are encouraging the colleges and universities to provide meaningful opportunities for volunteer work whether they get credit for it or not."

McLelland says the program would have some accountability.

"That bill also includes a provision for a local community committee to make sure the volunteer activities are legitimate and help to improve things in the community," she said.

The other bill, McLelland explained, encourages service learning programs at Missouri colleges and universities. She cited Southwest Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia as schools who already have successful programs.

McLelland and bill co-sponsor Rep. Bill Hosmer (D-Springfield) serve on the Missouri Community Service Committee.

"They really wanted us to get more involved and get some legislation passed," she said. "They came up with the idea of service learning on college campuses."

According to the bills, the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education would provide oversight and report to the governor.

"Our policy is that, for the most part, in Missouri higher education, decisions are decentralized," said Paul Waggoner, legislative liaison for the CBHE. "This would be an area which then would come under centralization."

Waggoner says while the CBHE does not oppose the bill, he thinks colleges and universities around the state may offer differing opinions on the mandate.

"I think it would be a good bill if it would promote service learning," he said. "But, schools may feel that they can do it better in a different way."

McLelland also addressed the issue of opposition.

"I think there will be some opposition from some individuals who do not believe you should tell colleges and universities they have to do anything, no matter how good it is," she said. □

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS BRIEFS

SMSU recognizes efforts of president in evaluation

Southwest Missouri State University's Board of Governors has reaffirmed its unanimous support for Dr. John Keiser during the annual evaluation of the SMSU president.

"President Keiser serves Southwest Missouri State University with honesty, vision, and focus," said Allison Smith, president of the board. "He is a tireless, energetic professional whose enthusiasm for the quality of the university's future is contagious."

"The board is especially impressed and pleased with the leadership Dr. Keiser has provided for the university's statewide mission in public affairs. Like Dr. Keiser, the board is committed to the concept of building character as part of the university experience."

Smith cited five specific highlights of Keiser's evaluation:

- He clearly possesses a good understanding of the institution's financial needs and exercises remarkable fiscal responsibility.

- He is committed to the goals and future of the total Southwest Missouri State University system.

- Keiser is credible and honest in face-to-face relationships.

- He knows how to assemble an excellent administrative team, delegate responsibility, and support others in their efforts.

- Keiser has contributed greatly to developing and enhancing the quality of the institution.

According to Smith, Keiser has again refused to accept a higher percentage increase than other SMSU employees. His salary for 1998-99 is \$145,248. His current contract runs through June 30, 2002. □

CMSU board approves charter school project

Amidst growing interest in the charter school concept, Central Missouri State University's Board of Governors has approved two applications for Central to sponsor these innovative new schools in Kansas City.

The board approved recommendations from the university's charter school review committee to sponsor the Hogan Preparatory Academy and the Southwest Charter School. Both of these schools plan to offer classes this fall.

"We have reviewed their applications to make sure they meet criteria by law, and believe they will be quality schools," said Doug Thomas, chair of the committee.

The Hogan Preparatory Academy is an urban college preparatory school for students in grades nine through 12. Supporters of the Southwest Charter School want to establish a neighborhood school where students can obtain an education closer to home. It will begin serving students in grades six through nine.

Central is now a sponsor of three charter schools in Kansas City. In December, the Board of Governors approved the sponsorship of the Kansas City Foreign Language Charter School. □

Competition results in food, money for needy

F.W. de Klerk, former president of South Africa and Nobel Peace Prize winner, will speak March 9 at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts at Southwest Missouri State University.

The lecture, which will begin at 7 p.m., is titled "The Challenge of Change." Although there is no charge for the address, a ticket will be required for admission. Tickets may be picked up at the Hall box office from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

In 1989, de Klerk was elected president of South Africa. He fundamentally changed the structure of his country and accelerated the elimination of apartheid by announcing that Nelson Mandela would be released from prison.

de Klerk was a co-recipient with Mandela of the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for his leading role in the democratization of South Africa. □

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

“Twenty-four out of 27 states that have this no-strike collective bargaining or public employees have had strikes.”

Bill may give public employees lobbying rights

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY—Missouri legislators may be only a few votes shy of striking a deal that would give public employees, such as police officers, fire fighters, and teachers, the right to form separate unions.

House Bill 116, on the issue of collective bargaining, would give such workers the ability to lobby with school boards, city councils, or other governing boards over salaries, contracts, and any number of working conditions.

The National Education Association (NEA) is possibly one of the idea's largest proponents.

"We believe that teachers should have a right to let the majority choose their representative," said Peggy Cochran, executive director of the Missouri NEA.

Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) says that while the MNEA may be in favor of the bill, the Missouri State Teachers' Association has come out against the bill because it causes teachers to choose the majority representative.

"The people who don't want it will have to pay for it anyway," Surface said.

Cochran says the issue central to the bill is equality in employment.

"We believe that we deserve the rights other employees have, and that's what we're trying to do," she said.

Under the bill, striking would be illegal. Surface says it is only the next logical step in a union and lobbying procedure.

"Twenty-four out of 27 states that have this no-strike collective bargaining for public employees have had strikes," he said. "It calls for no strikes, and then there's another provision in it which says, 'Well, if you do strike, here's how you get out of jail free.'"

Surface says the issues of a lobbying or strike situation are different when they are applied to those hired to serve the public.

"If you worked at Eagle Picher or Leggett & Platt and you walked out on a strike, you are not hurting the general public," he said. "But if you are a police officer or a fire fighter, you could, in fact, endanger lives."

"And, if you're a school teacher and you walk out, you can't get back those days. A kid could lose any number of hours of education."

Cochran says striking is not in the minds of

those seeking union affiliation.

"We don't want teachers to be striking," she said.

"We also think there should be something that binds school boards to contracts."

Cochran said teachers often are put in situations where they have little or no control.

"We have right now what we call collective begging," she said. "In some places, the school board and administration won't even meet with the teachers."

Some organizations that have come out against the bill include chambers of commerce, the Missouri Municipal League, Associated Industries of Missouri, and the Missouri Association of Counties, Surface said.

"There's no doubt it's going to lead to higher prices for state employees," he said.

Surface also says this type of legislation is brought up nearly every year, but this session it is getting more attention because it was supported by Gov. Mel Carnahan in his State of the State address.

"There's no doubt this is a payback for union support of Gov. Carnahan, and so that's why there's the big push this year," he said. □

ROBERT ELLIS YOUNG GYMNASIUM

Memories flow through 'back court of nostalgia'

By DR. CONRAD GUBERA
PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY

The Feb. 19 issue of *The Chart* gave a fine synopsis of the athletic history associated with Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium as preparations were being made for its final public use in the season-ending basketball games against PSU on Feb. 20. I was thrilled that evening as I watched the valiant efforts of the women's and men's teams, and especially elated in the Lions' intense victory over the PSU men.

I recalled a similar basketball evening in 1970, when I witnessed the first-ever victory by any athletics team over Pittsburg. Coach Frank Davis' basketball team defeated Pittsburg by three points, and a grinning Coach Davis was quoted as saying, "I looked three times at the scoreboard at the south end of the floor to make sure I wasn't dreaming."

With the closing of the gym, personal memories of bygone times at MSSC cloud my mind. I recall how College President Leon Billingsly proudly held dedication ceremonies in the fall of 1968 (the first year of MSSC, 1967-68, the Lions used the city's Memorial Hall as a "home court"). The gym would be used for a range of College events, not just athletics.

I recall its first public use — the football homecoming concert in 1968 featuring a well-known pop duo

billed as "Peaches and Herb." In 1969, "The Friends of Distinction" were the concert attraction, followed in 1974 and 1976 by the teen rock idol Ricky Nelson and his band (standing room only). To me, the '76 Nelson concert was a special memory because one of my sociology advisees, Todd Krutsinger, was their "warm-up" act. He was really fun.

In the early period of this college, there was money available to bring "name" speakers and entertainers to the campus. Mrs. Julie Hughes, a beloved social science colleague, chaired the committee that made those arrangements. Before the opening of Taylor Auditorium in the mid-1970s, the gym was the only large area on campus capable of accommodating these presentations. I recall the awesome virtuosity of flamenco guitarist Carlos Montoya, an international performer. Popular, well-published sociologist Vance Packard raised our consciousness about "structured" social behavior of the 1950s; renowned movie actor Vincent Price read Poe to us; and an aging Marie Von Trapp, dressed in her native Austrian peasant clothing (her life was the



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basis for *The Sound of Music*) enchanted us with story and song. Comedian Lily Tomlin regaled us with her stand-up routines spiced with spontaneous observations about Joplin and MSSC, and I recall one spring evening an upbeat performance by a youthful trio called "The Pointer Sisters." I'm sure there were others who performed there, but these I personally recall.

Nor will I forget our first class of bachelor's degree students who graduated from MSSC. Their ceremony was held on a warm Sunday afternoon in early June 1969 in the gym. A covering had been placed over the basketball court to protect the floors, and a specially elevated platform had been built on the south end on which the Board of Regents, College administration, etc. were seated. We faculty were directly in front of this makeshift "stage," the graduates were seated behind us, and then the guests (who also occupied the bleacher areas). When the graduates received their diplomas, they formed a queue and single file walked across the platform to receive their folders and congratulations from President Billingsly.

I specifically recall that afternoon due to these four reasons: the graduation speaker, a Dr. Henry Spiva, gave a beautiful, terse speech in which he emphasized the song from the then popular musical, *The Man of La Mancha* ("To dream, the impossible

dream....."); Dennis Weaver, the popular movie and television actor and an alumnus from the earliest years of our parent school, Joplin Junior College, was awarded an honorary B.A. from Missouri Southern; Barbara Blackford, a B.A. sociology major, received the very first four-year degree awarded by this college (Barbara would be later honored in 1992 as one of MSSC's outstanding alums); and with a standing ovation, Mr. Horace Shapley, an advisee and student of mine, received an associate of arts degree; he was 84 years old at the time.

There were other times too: the first college job fairs were held in the gym, and in 1988, during the presidential campaign, both Vice President Bush and his running mate, Sen. Dan Quayle, spoke to a large somewhat partisan crowd in the gym. And in the very personal moments, one March afternoon non-traditional student Dean Alexander and I had a "shoot-out" to see who would win the \$10 "pot" we had wagered. And forever in my memories are those times Larry, the building custodian in the mid 1980s, would let my junior high sons, some of their friends, and me play basketball until midnight after a Saturday night Lions' game.

You see, for me it's more than the gym. Like the "field of dreams," it's a back court of nostalgia graced beautifully by last Saturday night's heroics.

Thanks for the memories. □

RECYCLING: Crowder loses assistance grant

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the paper the College had collected in the blue recycling receptacles.

The paper was taken to Crowder, where students at the recycling center would recycle it. Now, Southern may have to take the paper to Crowder.

Crowder received a grant in 1995 to help start its recycling program the following year. The college's grant allowed it to hire a driver to pick up paper from area businesses and Missouri Southern.

The grant has now expired, and Crowder College will no longer be picking up paper from Southern.

"We have big receptacles for the paper and no place to go with it," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant at Southern. "The decision has been made to keep the bins in place, and we are certainly open for suggestions."

Jim Slater, manager of the recycling center at

Crowder, says the center is not going to be shut down, but that the college simply doesn't have the funds or the management to keep it going.

"I am retiring this year after 30 years, and we might have a student organization take over," he said.

Last year, the recycling center recycled one-half million pounds of paper. The center bundles the paper and sells it to businesses. Some of the mixed paper it recycles goes to a sheet rock factory in Pryor, Okla.

"I was kind of disappointed to find this out," Beeler said. "It was really neat to recycle that way. I hope that something will come up so we can continue."

Slater suggests that perhaps a student organization from Southern can take up the recycling cause.

"All you need is a large truck," he said. "We would be happy to work with anyone that wants to bring paper over to us. We still are going to be recycling, we just don't have the resources that we did before." □

CHINA: Southern considers possibilities of new alliance

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Leon stresses that despite the signing of the agreement, there is nothing definite in the works just yet.

"There are things that need to be explored," Leon said. "It depends on the programs that they have and the programs that we have and the interest of the students and faculty."

Wang, the founder of the Far East institutions, originally was scheduled to visit Southern, but unexpectedly came down with the flu in Los Angeles.

"He came to the United States for the sole purpose of visiting a university here," You said. "He called me the night before and said that I had to be his representative."

Wang, 75, donated the profits from

his aluminum company in Qufu to build Far East University, which opened its doors in September.

"At some point in the future, we hope to be able to [meet with Wang] either there or here," Leon said.

Both Leon and You thought the meeting Tuesday was promising.

"I think it went very well," You said.

"That university in Qufu definitely benefits from having visitors from the United States because the school is putting a lot of emphasis on the English language."

"I'm bringing home a lot of information about the school, and we'll do further study on what specific programs we'll be starting," You said.

The exchange program with the Far East institutions have no date of

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I certainly hope it will happen before the fall semester.

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Far East College

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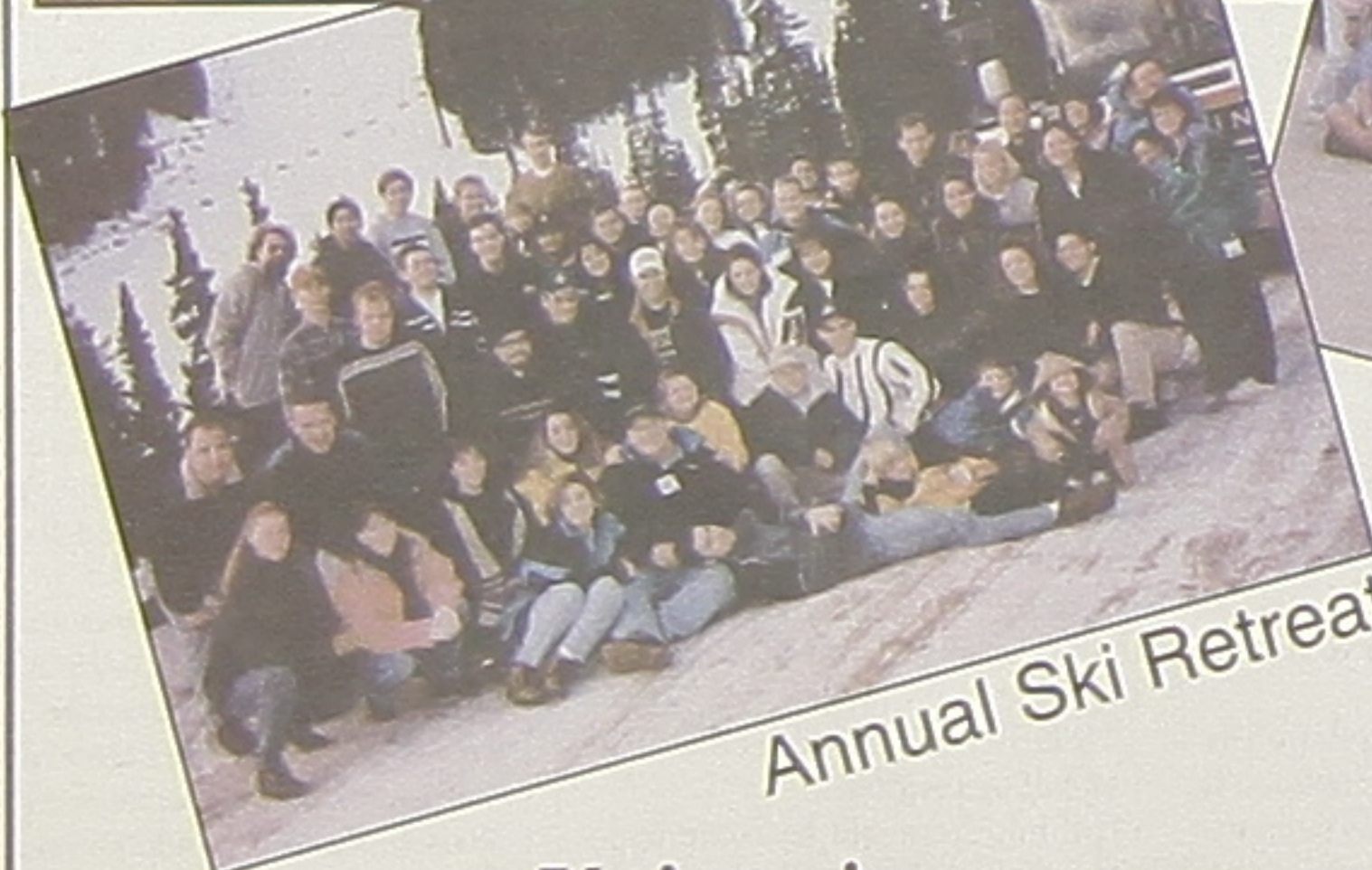
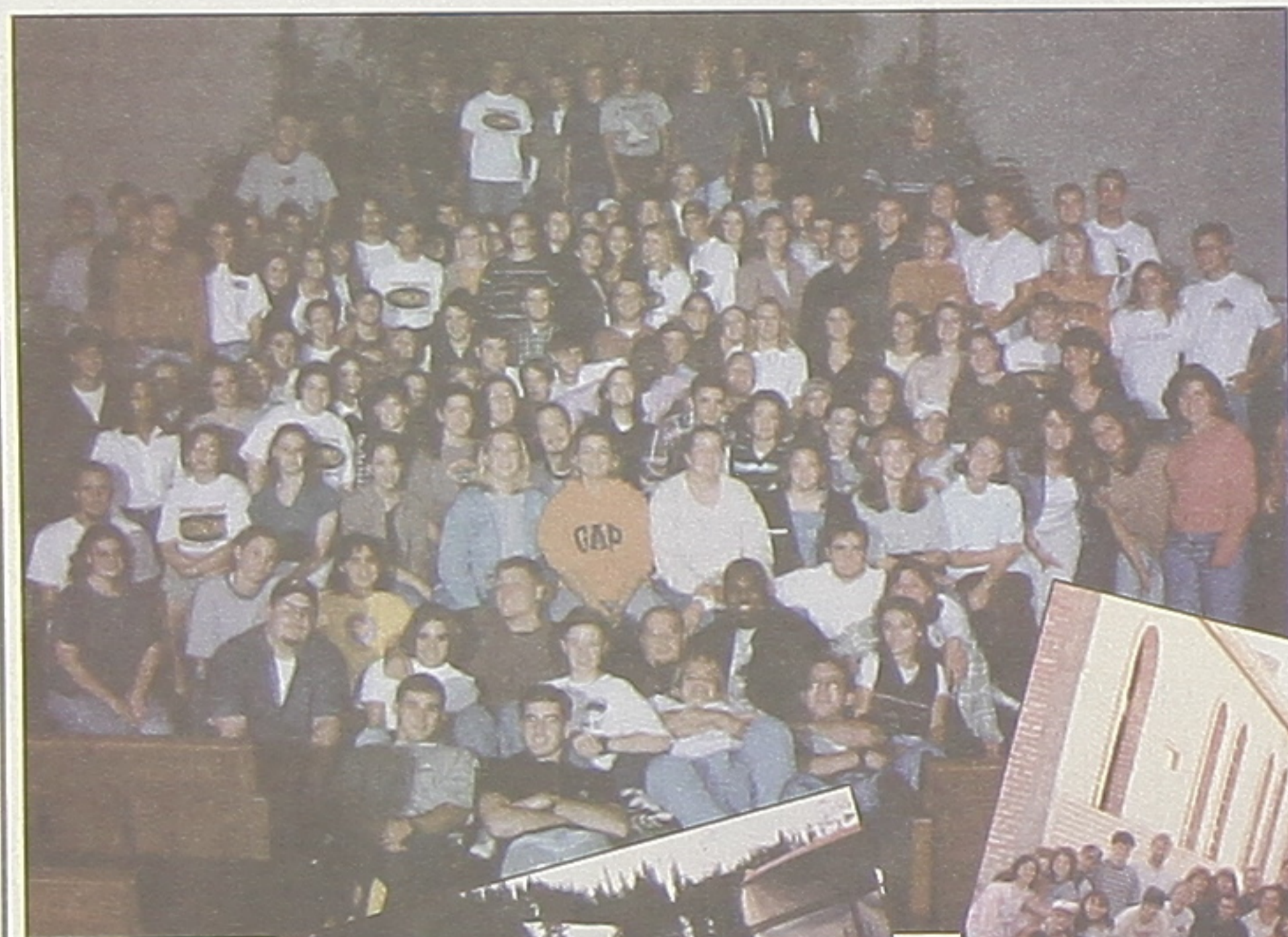
arrival at Southern just yet.

"Sometimes these deals crystallize in a short period of time," Leon said. "Sometimes they take a fairly long period of time. It depends on the intensity of the conversations."

"I certainly hope it will happen before the fall semester," You said. □

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INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Seniors step up at conference meet

By ROBBY BALL
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern's men and women's track teams proved their worth at the MIAA conference championships last weekend.

The Lady Lions finished fifth in the conference, with senior hurdler Tina Keller being crowned conference champion in the 55-meter hurdles.

"We really had a great performance from our seniors," said head coach Patty Vavra. "They scored all but 14 of our points."

Other seniors to place were distance runner Amanda Harrison, second in the mile and the 3,000-meter, and sprinter Heather Hoyle, who earned a provisional qualifying mark and also finished second in the 200-meter.

"Heather just had a great meet," Vavra said. "She came into the 200 ranked ninth and finished second. She ended up running a career best for herself."

Senior shot put and weight thrower Stephanie Wainscott finished sixth in the weight throw and third in the shot put.

"We really had some good performances all

around," Vavra said. "We definitely improved, which is good going into the outdoor season."

Sophomore triple jumper Angie McCall placed second, with teammate Kalyn Baugh finishing sixth. Sandy Richardson placed fourth in the pole vault, an event barely a year old in NCAA Division II.

The Lady Lions have four athletes with provisional marks and a chance to go to the national meet, which will be held in Indianapolis at the RCA Dome March 5-6.

"We won't know if they made it until Monday," Vavra said. "We just have to wait for everybody else to finish before we know."

With three weeks until the start of the outdoor season, the Lady Lions will continue to work to improve for the future.

"We really had some good things happen at conference," Vavra said. "With the indoor season only six weeks long, we can use it to gear up for outdoor. It helps us see what we need to work on and how we have improved so far."

For now, Keller, Wainscott, Hoyle and Harrison will have to wait to see whether they get to make the trek to Indianapolis for the national meet while they continue to train for the beginning of the outdoor season.

Junior high jumper Kevin Dotson broke an MIAA record with a jump of 7-2 1/4.

"That record had been held for 12 years," said Tom Rutledge, head men's track and field coach. "We are real pleased with that new standard."

Being a young team and not having enough experience, the Lions placed sixth, just behind Truman State, who they had been tied with.

"Our goal going in was to try and have all 31 guys score," Rutledge said. "We knew we could beat Rolla and Lincoln, and we had the chance to beat Truman but couldn't pull it out."

The two-mile relay team of Dustin Franks, Brian Hill, Jay Cox, and Jake Wells placed third with a time of 7:53.61.

"For the last five years a time of 7:55 has won the race," Rutledge said. "Since we weren't expected to really be up there, we raised the level of competition to make them work for the win."

"There was only a second difference between first and third," he said.

The conference meet showed improvement among the young squad with several freshmen and sophomores, just one or two spots, out of the finals.

"They only take the top six for the finals," Rutledge said. "With just a little bit more, we could have had guys in the fourth- and fifth-place range."

Freshman sprinter Carlton Green finished fifth, while senior Dirk Meyers finished sixth in the shot put.

"Carlton was ranked 23rd in the conference going into the meet," Rutledge said. "Dirk wasn't ranked high either, but both of them came out and finished very strong."

Franks also finished third in the 600-yard race and nearly broke a school record.

"Our school record was 1:12.26," Rutledge said. "Dustin ran a 1:12.72, so he missed it by just tenths of a second."

With the outdoor season just around the corner, the young team is showing the hard work is starting to pay off.

"I'm really quite excited because they showed that they have improved," Rutledge said. "I'm pretty proud of these guys because they showed that they could give the extra effort when needed."

The Lions and Lady Lions will have some time off before they head into outdoor action. □

Sports Scope

Fans witness more action than expected

Fans who decided to stay home from Saturday's battle with long-time arch rival Pittsburg State did not only miss two good games.

As little girls from Seneca's Little Dribblers program made their way onto the court to perform during halftime of the women's contest, a fight broke out between the Missouri Southern and PSU

mascots.

What appeared to some as a playful, harmless gesture by Gus Gorilla to Southern's lion turned very ugly and left people shrugging their

Andre L. Smith
Sports/Design Editor

shoulders.

Why would they scrap — for real? Jason Foster, who was wearing the Lion mascot suit that night, said Saturday was not the first time there had been a problem.

"It started way back at the football game at PSU," he said. "I was playing with some of our fans, and he came up and pushed me in the back. The policy is that mascots can't even touch, so I questioned as to why he was doing it."

If you weren't at Saturday's game or just happened to step out for a Coke and a smile, here's the skinny. While the Lion (Foster) helped the girls onto the court for the halftime show, Gus Gorilla made his way to the court as well. Gus Gorilla proceeded to kick the Lion in his derriere. The Lion turned and threw his hands up as to say, "What the heck, man?"

Gus Gorilla kicked him one more time, and Foster said he shrugged it off. But then, well, Gus Gorilla punched him in the back. And at that point, Foster said he had to do something.

"I turned around and took a swing at him," he said. "I've been a mascot for a while now, and you can tell when someone is playing."

The Lion connected. The Gorilla grabbed him. They tackled each other into the scorers' table and were finally broken up by sports information director Joe Moore, a Pittsburg State yell leader, and PSU sports information director Dan Wilks.

The student section got a kick out of the entire thing as the Lion pumped his fist to the crowd and Gus Gorilla pounded his chest to the PSU fans. Although it was awesome (in my opinion, of course) to finally see Southern win two out of three in one night against PSU, Moore made a good point.

"We were there to support our team and watch a basketball game," he said, "not to watch a fight between our mascots."

Everyone pretty much has the same things to say about the entire thing — it was an unfortunate incident, it should never have come to that, blah, blah, blah, yadda, yadda, yadda.

There has been talk of banning the Lion from going to PSU and Gus Gorilla from coming to Southern. Cheerleading sponsor Cindy Wolfe said it was a strong possibility.

"Unfortunately, mascots may not be able to travel with the cheerleaders," Wolfe said.

Get this. There is even talk of banning the cheerleaders from the opposing team's house. Mascots, maybe. Cheerleaders, no, no. It'll kill the atmosphere. As far as apologies go, Foster is writing a letter to the Seneca Little Dribblers.

"My only regrets are that the kids were down there and their parents were watching," he said. "I've never been a person to get into fights. I want them to know that fighting is not the answer to anything." □

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Freshman point guard Jayme Callahan (left) and senior guard Mandy Olson get on the floor to struggle for possession in Saturday's final women's game at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. Pittsburg State's Jamie Bohannon attempts to keep the possession arrow in her team's favor.

Lady Lions finish with 16-point loss

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS/DESIGN EDITOR

Pittsburg State's Lady Gorillas stuck Missouri Southern with a 63-47 loss Saturday night in the final women's basketball game at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

The Lady Lions fought back from an eight-point halftime deficit and 10-point PSU lead with 14:20 left in the game. The 8-0 run was sparked by Stacy Wyatt's three-point play. Lyndsey Kenealy's jumper and a Mandy Olson 3 continued the run, but PSU guard Leslie Dudley killed that noise with a three-pointer of her own.

"During the timeout, we had talked about getting over the screen," said Amy Townsend, Lady Lion head coach. "We weren't able to get there, and you can't leave a player of that caliber alone on that shot."

At the 8:35 mark, PSU had jumped out to a 48-38 lead behind Dudley's three-point play. Southern was able to cut the lead once again, but a 12-2 PSU run iced the victory.

Olson and Wyatt led the Lady Lions with 11 points apiece. The Lady Gorillas shot 38 percent from the field, while the Lady Lions hit 33 percent of their shots. Pittsburg State enjoyed a large free throw advantage as well. They shot 24 of 29 from the charity stripe, while the Lady Lions hit seven of their 12 attempts.

The Lady Gorillas were whistled for only four fouls in the second half.

The Lady Lions ended the season 6-20 overall and 2-14 in the MIAA. Kenealy led the team in scoring with an 11.4 average and in rebounds with 133 in 26 games. Sara Jones was second in scoring and rebounds with 10.1 points per

game and 132 rebounds in 25 games. Jayme Callahan led in the assists category with 94. Jones also shot 80.5 percent from the line.

The Lady Lions will lose two seniors this season. Olson, a forward from played four years on the squad.

She scored 480 total points in her career at Southern and had 108 steals. She broke Southern's single-game steals record with nine on Jan. 16 against Washburn University.

Southern will also lose two-year player Shelby Wyatt. Wyatt, who transferred from Bacone Community College, played in six games off the bench this season.

She said she would not trade some of the relationships she made for the world.

"I'm glad I got a chance to play with my sister again," Wyatt said. "I made lots of long-time friends because of this experience." □

BASEBALL

Lions to hit the road for battle with SIU-Edwardsville

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Collegiate baseball teams across the country are abandoning the offensive punch of aluminum bats in favor of the old-fashion feel of wood.

Missouri Southern (0-4) will play at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in a pair of wooden-bat doubleheaders this weekend.

Lion coach Warren Turner said several con-

ferences are returning to wood bats in an effort to speed up play, improve defense, and keep pitchers healthy.

"Coach Turner thought it would be a good idea if we went and tried it out to see how it was," said Justin Dudinsky, junior pitcher. "Obviously it should be more of an advantage for the pitching, but you never know."

Dudinsky has mixed feelings about the series.

"I guess for me it's kind of a double-edged

sword," he said. "I'm a hitter and a pitcher."

Dudinsky will start the first game. Turner will also work juniors Jeremy Fowler, Eric Jackson, and Trevor Brown.

The first game each day will be seven innings, while the nightcaps will be nine innings.

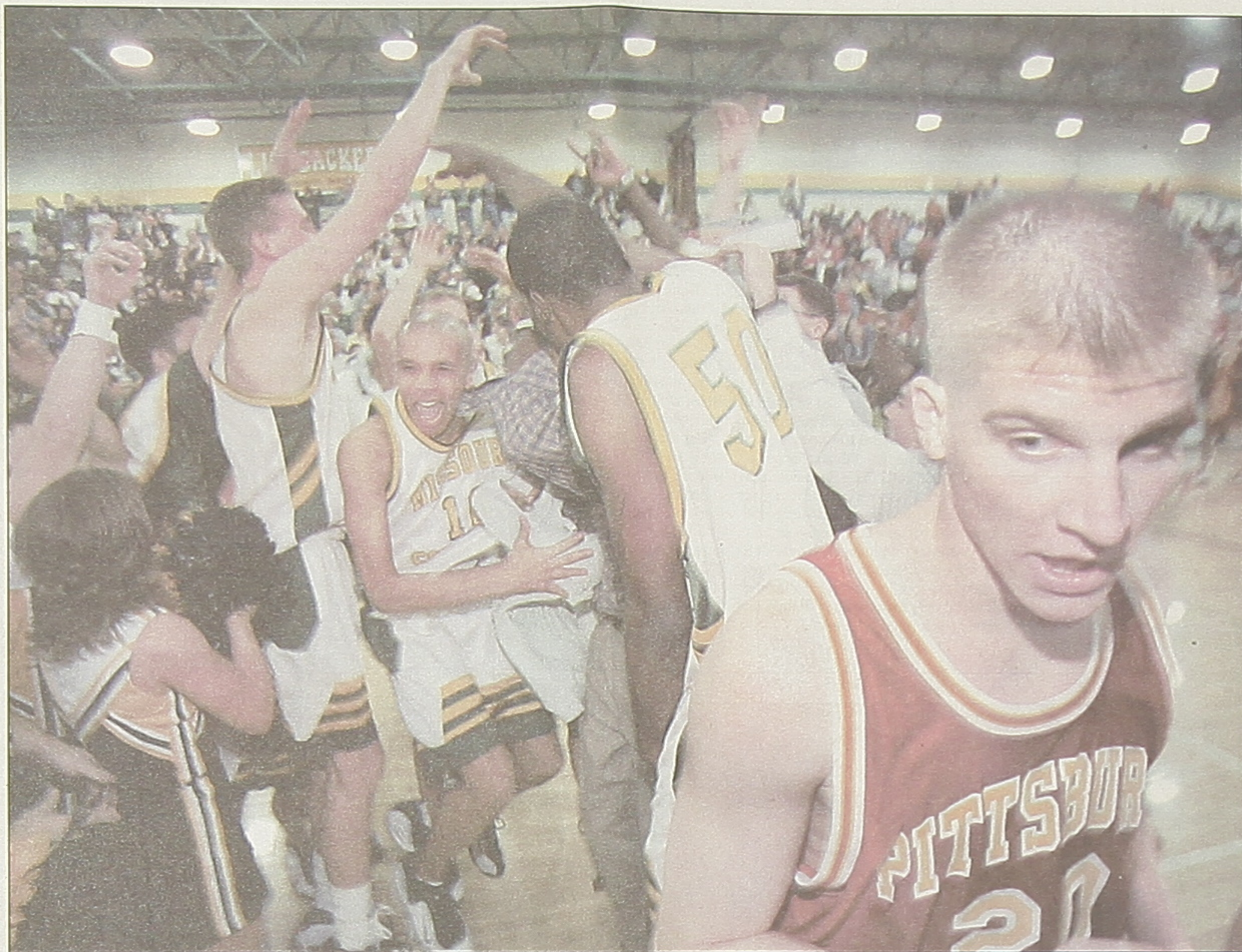
Turner said his team has faced the top NCAA Division I teams and now is ready to take on SIU-Edwardsville, a Division II powerhouse.

"They are usually in the [NCAA Division II] World Series," Turner said.

This is the only wooden-bat series on the Lions' schedule this year, although more may be in store for the future.

Turner said the MIAA would vote on going to wooden bats next year. He said some schools are not financially able to buy wooden bats.

Turner said Southern already had purchased the equipment. □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Pittsburg State freshman Dan Stanley walks off the court as Terry Shumpert (10), Brian Taylor (50) and their teammates celebrate Southern's shocking 80-69 victory over the Gorillas in the final game at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. A capacity crowd was on hand to watch Saturday's win.

Lions shock top-ranked Gorillas

Southern ends 31-year stay with 80-69 victory over PSU

By RUSSELL DAKE
STAFF WRITER

Heading into the playoffs, Missouri Southern needed a confidence builder, and what better boost than an 80-69 ambush of the nation's No. 1-ranked and conference-leading Pittsburg State University Gorillas. The game also closed Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium with one of the biggest wins in school history.

In front of a packed house of fans from both schools, the Lions jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, holding Pitt State scoreless for the first 2:50 of the game. Southern led the contest wire to wire, taking a 39-29 lead into intermission.

"Anytime you play a game like that — against an opponent like Pitt State — you have some people step up over the course of 40 minutes and make some big plays," said head coach Robert Corn. "That's exactly what we had."

PSU (23-3, 14-2) mounted a second-half rally, cutting the Lions' double-digit lead to six. Senior Larry Gause nailed two big 3s — his only two field goals — to help thwart the Gorillas' surge.

"He (Gause) hit a couple of 3s when we were a little lethargic and stagnant in our offense," Corn said. "They were making a run at us, and we had to have someone step up and make some baskets. Larry Gause was able to do that."

Junior forward Carlos Newberry led the way with 15 points for Southern. Freshman guard Guaya Santiago had 14 points, six rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Senior forward Brian Taylor added 13 points, Terry Shumpert 12, and Gause 11.

"I feel like Carlos really hit a huge basket for us," Corn said. "They cut it within six and seemed to have the momentum, and Carlos hit about a 16-foot jump shot to get us over the hump."

The victory secured the sixth seed in the conference tournament and a third encounter with the Truman State Bulldogs.

With the season series tied at 1-1 — Southern winning by one in Joplin and the Bulldogs taking a two-point decision in Kirksville — Monday's first-round playoff game proved to be another close contest. When it counted most, Truman State (20-6) held on for a well-played 74-71 victory over the Lions to end Southern's season at 11-16.

Rebounding once again proved to be the Achilles' heel of the Lions, getting out-muscled on the glass 46-24.

"That's been the story all year long; we just flat got killed on the boards," Corn said. "Rebounding is something you've got or you don't. We never did get



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Jeremy Walker and Southern fans celebrate an apparent Lions' victory in the second half of Saturday's game. Members of the student body section add to the excitement by making a 10-man pyramid.

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A letter from Coach Corn

I want to thank the Missouri Southern student body for your role in our game Saturday against Pittsburg State. Without a doubt, the sixth man role fit you like a glove. The students' involvement was a major factor in the outcome of the game.

It was a special evening for our seniors. They will always have the

memory of their final home game. You had a great deal to do with this, and I hope you share in our feelings of it being a special evening.

Again, thanks for your help. You made me proud to be a Lion.

Robert Corn
Head basketball coach

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